

THE TIMES Tomorrow Rose ... The Times Profile: Umberto Eco, somewhat surprised best-selling author of The Name of The Rose ... and Crown Tim Heald reviews Elizabeth R, by Elizabeth Longford ... and Crown Tweeky desperado Sir John Hoskyns, scourge of the political Establishment ... Travelling ... Business travel takes off again: a special report ... in Europe How Britain's football clubs fared in Europe

22 held in cancer charity raid

The police were questioning 22 people after raids by the Fraud Squad in London and Peterborough in connection with the activities of the charity Children with Cancer. The inquiry began after Sunday Times allegations that a businessman was making 65p from each pound raised. The police have asked for people who have had dealings with the organization to contact them.

Argentine drive for UN support

Argentina launched a campaign at the UN for European support for the junta's Falklands policy with an appeal to Britain's allies to persuade her to discontinue the "Fortress Falklands" policy. Page 6

Betjeman stable

Sir John Betjeman remained on the danger list at Brompton Hospital, London, but his condition was said to be stable. He had a heart attack on Monday.

IRA arrests

Two more of the prisoners who escaped from the Maze prison were recaptured after the security forces surrounded a house near Newcastle, Co Down. Search goes on, page 2



£1.6m yearling

A European record price of £1,627,500 was paid by a Robert Sangster syndicate for a Hello Gorgeous yearling colt at Newmarket. Earlier report, page 26

Football results

- Barnsley 3, Grimsby 1; Tottenham 2, Middlesbrough 1; Oldham Athletic 0, Charlton Athletic 0; Bolton Wanderers 0, Burnley 0; Bournemouth 0, Bristol Rovers 1; Hull City 1, Wimbledon 0; Newport County 1, Preston North End 1; Plymouth Argyle 0, Scunthorpe United 0; Sheffield United 2, Bradford City 0; Aldershot 2, Swindon Town 1; Blackpool 2, Mansfield Town 0; Bristol City 3, Reading 1; Chesterfield 0, Hereford United 0; Darlington 1, Bury 2; Doncaster Rovers 2, York City 2; Halifax Town 2, Northampton Town 2; Rochdale 2, Hartlepool United 0.

Leader page, 13 Letters: On banking crisis, from Sir William Lushon; pensions, from Mr N. Vinson and Mr P. Chappell; Leading articles: Reagan and disarmament; the Maze breakout; America's Cup Features pages ... Michael Ivens on ending the unions' political levies; how Poland's military leaders are turning into pen-pushers; France: health without tears; Spectrum: The Cynical Seventies; Wednesday Page: A Pythian sheds his skin; Special Report, pages 15, 16 and 17, on regional airports Obituary, page 14 Professor R. H. Thomas, Tino Rossi

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, Appis, Bridge, Business, Court, Crossword, Diary, Events, Law Report, Night Sky, Property, Sale Rooms, Science, Sport, TV & Radio, Weather, Wills.

Miners call special conference to fight pit closures

Miners' leaders yesterday took the first step towards a strike by making official a strike by militant Scottish miners and calling a special conference next month to fight pit closures. They also submitted a claim for 'substantial' wage increases designed to bring the value of their pay back up to levels reached after their last big confrontation with the Government in 1974. No clear figures were put on the demand, but officials of the National Coal Board calculated that it could add at least 20 per cent to the industry's wage bill. After being given an unusually detailed submission, the board yesterday put off making an offer to the union until Friday, when the miners were likely to be offered rises in line with the Cabinet's 3 per cent ceiling on settlement in the public sector. But the impetus is now building up over jobs rather than pay. The executive committee of the National Union of Mineworkers voted unanimously to support the two-week-old strike by pitmen at Monktonhall colliery near Edinburgh and to call a special delegate conference on the future of the industry, in London on October 21. Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, said that the conference would 'determine the union's position' on pit closures, and a number of options would be considered. He declined to say what they might be, but a national overtime ban is understood to be an item on the agenda. About 10 per cent of all shifts worked in the industry are done in overtime. 'The fight to maintain living standards is paramount, but at the same time so is the fight to maintain jobs and pits because if we do not have jobs and pits there is little point in fighting for wage increases,' he said. About 100 miners from Monktonhall pit lobbied yesterday's executive meeting, and they were told by Mr Michael McCahey, president of the NUM in Scotland, that the miners would take their battle 'to the labour and trade union movement'. He appealed: 'Keep your unity. Stand firm behind your union'. It is unprecedented for the NUM to make official a strike at one colliery, but the miners are feeling under a spate of shut-downs that has evidently made their leaders decide that the time has come to call a halt. There are 16,000 fewer pitmen in the industry than a year ago, and at least 16 collieries have closed or are scheduled to close by the end of the 1983-84 financial year. It was announced yesterday that Herrington Burn colliery near Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, is almost certain to close. The board's more immediate concern is to conclude a shut-down on the miners' claim for a new wage deal operative from November 1. Present earnings in the industry (including output bonuses) range from £148.27 a week on the surface to £178.93 at the colliery. The board yesterday 'just listened' to the miners' case which recalled the old days of detailed and logically-argued submissions rather than the heady 'give us the money' demands of the 1970s. After a half-hour adjournment Mr James Cowan, board member for industrial relations, asked for time to consider the mass of statistics and promised to make an offer on Friday morning. Vauxhall ballot, page 2

Table titled 'MINERS' PAY' with columns: Claim, Settlement, Weekly average wages, National average manual wage.

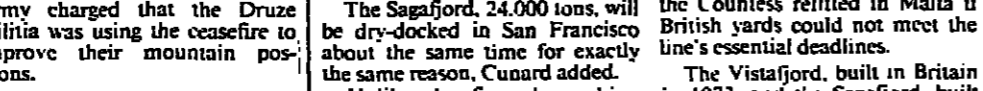
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Hitch over Lebanon peace talks

The guns remained silent in Lebanon for the second consecutive day in spite of failure by the various armed factions to agree on a meeting site for the committee that will oversee the ceasefire. Lebanese state radio and television, quoting an army spokesman, said that the Government, as well as Christian, Druze and Muslim militias, had chosen representatives for the ceasefire supervisory committee. But sources close to Amal, the Shia Muslim militia, said that the committee had failed to meet yesterday, because its members could not agree where to meet. The delay is likely to slow the dispatch of 'impartial observers', possibly to include members of the United Nations truce supervision organization, into the mountain areas south and east of Beirut. Such a delay could lead to further charges that the combatants are using the lull in the fighting to rearm and fortify their positions. Early yesterday, the Lebanese Army charged that the Druze militia was using the ceasefire to improve their mountain positions. Lebanon's Minister of Public Works, Mr Pierre Khoury, said that Beirut's international airport may be opened to flights tomorrow. The airport has been closed since August 28, when Shia militia and Lebanese army troops clashed in the capital's southern suburbs. The meeting of the ceasefire supervisory committee of military representatives will be followed by the formation of a so-called national reconciliation committee that will discuss Lebanon's future. Despite efforts to draw leaders of the key political factions to the national summit meeting, it is feared that a lasting solution will not be found. Syrian resolve, page 5

More Cunard work goes abroad

Cunard infuriated Britain's work-starved shipyard again yesterday by taking yet another passenger ship contract abroad. Just a week after agreeing to send the Queen Elizabeth 2 to Germany for a £4.5m winter refit, the firm confirmed that the 25,000-ton Vistaform is to have a £3m overhaul in Malta, and her sister the Sagafjord in San Francisco. Malta Dry Docks is the yard which caused a furore earlier in the year by winning a £3m contract for a post-Falklands refit of the 17,000-ton Cunard Countess. Mrs Thatcher was silent on the latest Cunard move last night, after her extensive comments on the previous days. In the case of the Atlantic Conveyor she pulled out all the stops to make Cunard order in Britain. But she said it was 'not unreasonable' for Cunard to have



Mr Murray: 'Bleeding us to death.'

The Countess refitted in Malta if British yards could not meet the line's essential deadlines. The Vistaform, built in Britain in 1973, and the Sagafjord, built in France in 1965, bring Cunard's cruise fleet to five - the QE2, Princess, and Countess, Vista and Sagafjord. The two ships were bought to extend Cunard's interest in cruising without adding new tonnage to a market already in danger of over-capacity. The company said in May that it expected to make record profits from cruising this year. Its policy of buying and repairing cheaply is in sharp contrast to P & O, for whom Cunard's parent, Trafalgar House, made a recent takeover bid. P & O is spending £100m on a new cruise ship to be named the Royal Princess by the Princess of Wales in England. Flag transfer fears, back page

Iron Lady sends the west wild



Canadian meeting: Mrs Thatcher with Mr William Davis, Premier of Ontario.

delighted a banquet audience in Toronto. After one burst of applause she glanced at Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, who was next to her, and said: 'I am doing well with this audience, Pierre'. It was hard to guess what Mr Trudeau was thinking. He and Mrs Thatcher disagree on how the Russians should be faced, and Mr Trudeau in his speech had talked of the need for courage to follow tenacity. But Mrs Thatcher, prefacing her remarks with: 'When I took over in Britain ... stuck to her iron line. 'We do not want peace at any price, but peace with freedom and justice', she said, adding: 'Tyrants do not tackle those who are strong ... Nato is the most successful peace movement in history'. She ate a television journalist for breakfast and, feeling peckish later in the day, hit some reporters' heads off at a press conference. 'Aren't you used to directness?' she challenged the scribblers. 'It comes as second nature to me.' Asked about the differences between herself and Mr Trudeau at the Williamsburg summit she demanded to know if reporters expected politicians to sit around like suet puddings. But she was nice and motherly with a Korean reporter who had difficulty with his English. Mrs Thatcher has demonstrated to Canadians that all they have heard about her is true. In a huge diverse country where political compromise and accommodation are vital, a politician with an unshakable attitude is a cause for wonder. Reagan condemned, page 6

Australia gets bolt as well as cup



Cup glory: A jubilant Mr Alan Bond, head of the victorious Australian syndicate, with the America's Cup.

Reagan plea for IMF funding

President Reagan strongly attacked the United States Congress yesterday warning of a global 'economic nightmare' if warring Republicans and Democrats are unable to resolve their differences and approve \$8.5 billion in new funds for the International Monetary Fund. In a hard-hitting address opening the formal sessions of the IMF's joint annual meeting with the World Bank, Mr Reagan told the world's finance ministers and central bankers that the increase in funds was crucial to the present economic recovery. 'This legislation is not only crucial to the recovery of America's trading partners and to the stability of the entire financial system but it is also necessary to a sustained recovery in the United States', Mr Reagan said in his first public attack against the leading Congressmen. Delegates from 150 nations also heard impassioned appeals, from the heads of the IMF and the World Bank, for adequate resources to manage the world's continuing debt crisis. Much of the focus of the preliminary sessions before the formal opening meeting was on the urgent need for the US Congress to break a deadlock over legislation approving the US contribution. The President's grim warning of the consequences that would result from failure to approve the funds echoed that of senior British officials. As one senior British official said: 'What would cause the whole bloody thing to collapse if Congress fails to pass the US quota increase.' In another development yesterday, Mr Nigel Lawson held his first bilateral meeting as Chancellor with Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, and raised the British Government's strong concern over the Reagan Administration's failure to resolve the unitary tax issue. In response to growing British pressure, the President attempted last week to find a compromise solution to the controversial levy - which taxes multinational companies according to a proportion of their world-wide income rather than their local profits - by saying that a special commission would study the issue. But British officials are not at all happy with the decision and Continued on back page, col 7

Americans put on a brave face

The 3ft iron bolt which for 132 years has screwed the America's Cup to a table in the New York Yacht Club was presented yesterday to the Perth property and oil millionaire, Mr Alan Bond, head of the victorious Australian syndicate. At a ceremony at the Marble House, former home of the Vanderbilt family memorabilia on fashionable Bellevue Avenue here, a crowd of about 200 saw the New York Yacht Club commodore Mr Robert Stone, and ex-commodore, Mr Bus Mossbacher, hand over the cup to Royal Perth Yacht Club commodore, Mr Peter Dalziel. In giving the bolt to Mr Bond, Mr Stone said that he hoped he would not be keeping it for 132 years, but felt he ought to have it. The losing helmsman, Mr Dennis Conner, was not present. The presentation ceremony came as a surprise. It had been expected that the trophy would be taken to Perth in two or three days' time in the club premises in New York. Mr Stone, putting a brave face on the end of sporting history, said that there was no other country to whom the club would rather hand the trophy. This had been the sixth Australian challenge. Searching for a simile that did not quite match the historic moment on the terrace at the rear of the mansion facing seawards through the beach trees, Mr Stone said he felt he knew how the Australians would feel, remembering what it had been like when the United States beat the Soviet Union at ice hockey in the last winter Olympics. In thanking everyone involved in the series, including the elimination races which lasted more than three months, Mr Stone mentioned the jury of the International Yacht Racing Union, 'for keeping our races honest'. That begged the question of what the IYRU might think of Liberty's vain attempt to retain the trophy by changing her ballast and rating for the seventh and final race. The Australians had objected but did not protest on the day. Mr Dalziel, dressed in an all-white, military-style uniform - which I suspect is unlikely to become as fashionable as Mr Ben Lexcen's innovative yacht design - said that the training, discipline and dedication had enabled his squad to come back from 3-1 down. That is true, but most people here know that it was really the keel which did it. The star of the show this summer has undoubtedly been Mr Lexcen, who was presented with an old hub cap off a Plymouth car as a response to a joke he is said to have made that if they won the cup they would have it rolled into an Australian plate. More photographs and Australian euphoria, back page

Hongkong takes over crisis bank

Hongkong (Reuters) - Hongkong passed an emergency law last night to acquire a local bank which was unable to meet its commitments. The Hongkong Government called the colony's legislative council into a special session to pass a Bill enabling it to acquire the Hang Lung Bank, which was unable to meet commitments to its clearing bank. The Financial Secretary, Sir John Bremidge, told the council that the Government had decided to acquire Hang Lung after the clearing bank, the Chartered Bank, had refused to cover Hang Lung's commitments. The clearing bank had told the banking commission it would no longer cover the \$24,500m (\$4m) overdraft on Hang Lung's clearing account. Sir John said it was unacceptable for the Government to allow the bank to fail. Firm government action was needed and the only satisfactory course was to take over Hang Lung to protect depositors and maintain confidence in Hongkong's banking system. The Government would acquire full control of Hang Lung today but Sir John said he hoped the bank would return to private ownership in due course. Hang Lung is a privately-owned bank not listed on any of Hongkong's four stock exchanges. It had assets totalling \$24,418m in March last year, but suffered runs on deposits last September and October. Vist cut short, page 6

Missiles to be deployed despite offer

Officials said yesterday that the United States still expected to go ahead with the deployment of the first 41 Pershing 2 and ground-launched cruise missiles in West Germany and Britain in December despite the latest conciliatory gesture by President Reagan towards the Soviet Union. However, they did not believe that the initial negative reaction for Moscow was its last word on the new US initiative and expressed hope that the Soviet Union might soon produce a serious counter-proposal at the Geneva arms reduction talks. But they did not expect this to happen until Nato had proved its ability to weather the anti-nuclear demonstrations expected to take place in Western Europe this autumn. It was partly to defuse anti-nuclear sentiment in Europe that Mr Reagan decided publicly to unveil the new US proposals to reduce intermediate range nuclear (INF) weapons in his speech to the UN General Assembly on Monday. The officials expressed the view that as a public relations exercise the President's speech had been largely successful. Mr Reagan discussed his new initiative with President Kivisto of Finland during a meeting at the White House yesterday. The main American concession would allow the Soviet Union to keep more INF missiles in Europe than the United States so long as there was 'global equality' in the number of warheads. America also agreed to include nuclear-capable medium-range bomber aircraft in the Geneva talks and to reduce the number of Pershing 2 missiles in proportion to the overall number of missiles the United States would eventually deploy. Reagan condemned, page 6

Advertisement for BHHI (British Home & Hospital for Incurables) with text: 'INCURABLE? -Yes. UNHAPPY? -No. The British Home and Hospital for Incurables specialises in looking after men and women suffering from progressive paralytic diseases. They need very special care and attention. Some are helpless, bedridden ... these unlucky ones have to be nursed, really cared for, with compassion, courtesy and patience. The BHHI receives no State aid. We must rely upon your generosity for a very worthy cause. More than a hospital - much more than a 'Home' BHHI The British Home & Hospital for Incurables Crown Lane, Streatham, London SW16 3IB PATRON HM QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER'

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# Roads system adequate by end of decade, Government promises

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Britain's roads programme is racing ahead, helped by lower inflation and fierce competition among contractors, the Government claimed yesterday.

More than £2,000m will be spent on roads in England this year, and by the end of the decade almost all the need for inter-urban roads will have been met.

When that time comes, according to a White Paper published yesterday, the emphasis will shift from roads between towns and cities to movement within them.

Talking are taking place with local authorities about a revised primary road network to meet the needs of the next century, and how to cope with traffic in towns.

The answer to the last is unlikely to be simply more roads.

the White Paper says, especially in dense inner areas where the cost of roads is high and the social and visual damage is great.

"A comprehensive replacement of the road system in places like inner London is not the answer", the White Paper says. "But there will be places where new or significantly improved roads are the right answer."

These will be combined with improved techniques of traffic management; parking controls and lorry routes; and the needs of public transport.

Such urban roads as are built will need to ease congestion, especially where public transport would be helped; take heavy through traffic out of shopping and residential areas; improve

access for industry and commerce; and improve the condition and appearance of the roads, the White Paper says.

Of the £2,000m being spent this year, more than £500m is going on new and improved motorways, trunk roads and by-passes, and about £300m on improving and maintaining local authority roads.

The star of the programme continues to be London's orbital motorway, the M25, of which more than half - 62 out of 121 miles - is open, and a further third under construction.

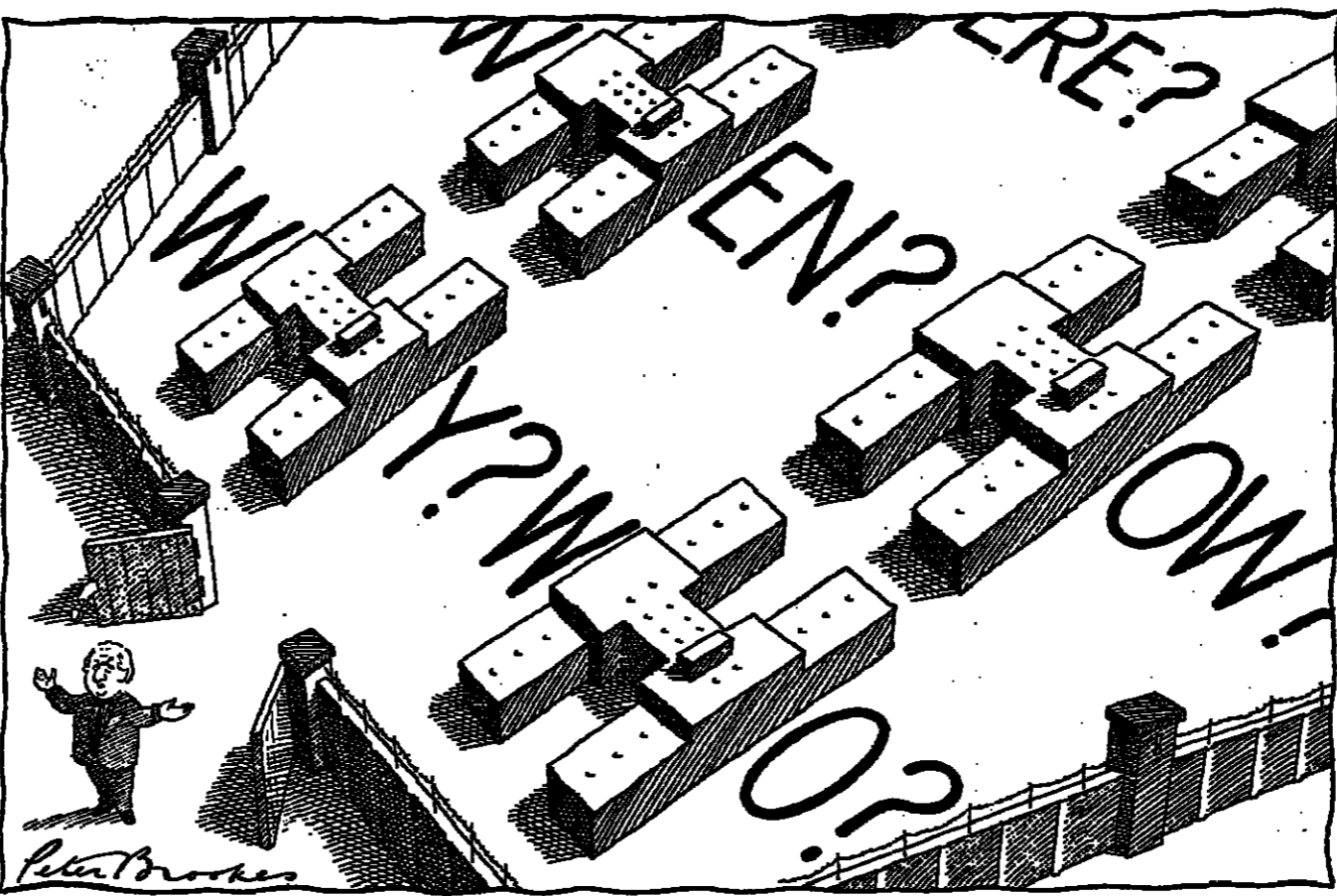
The M11 Dartford Tunnel link was completed in the spring and traffic from the Midlands, North and Scotland will be able to travel all the way to Dover on motorways or dual-carriageways when the next section to the A1 is completed.

Other key schemes opened this year include part of the M63 Manchester outer ring road, the southern by-pass of Ipswich and the A180 to Immingham.

Another 190 miles of new trunk road is at present under construction, including the remaining sections of the M25 in the west and south-west of London (con- tracts for a 12½-mile stretch from Heathrow to Rickmansworth have also been let; the last sections of the M27 north of Southampton, parts of the M65 Calder Valley motorway in Lancashire, the M3 extension from Basingstoke to Winchester, and the M42 to the south of Birmingham.

Commenting on the White Paper yesterday Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Transport, said: "The main inter-urban road structure is there, but inter-urban areas lack good roads, the south-east as much as anywhere."

Policy for Roads in England: 1983. (Department of Transport, Cmnd 9059, Stationery Office, £4.65.)



# Paisley hits at Maze security lapses

From Richard Ford, Belfast

As the hunt for the 21 Provisional IRA escapees from the Maze prison continued throughout Northern Ireland yesterday the Reverend Ian Paisley alleged that there had been 12 serious lapses of security in the jail, allowing the prisoners to flee.

But the Northern Ireland Office denied the Democratic Unionist Party leader's claim that Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, had told him of security failures and his allegation that the main gate was open at the time of the escape.

With Mr Paisley saying that the inquiry begun by Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, would be a "whitewash", some of the recaptured prisoners were being questioned by the police at the Castlereagh holding centre in east Belfast.

Others were being interrogated inside the high-security jail by a team of detectives headed by a Detective Chief Superintendent which has been set up to investigate the murder of Mr James Ferris, aged 43, the prison officer, stabbed to death in the break-out on Sunday.

All visits and receipt of food parcels at the Maze have been banned by the Prison Officers' Association as a mark of respect for Mr Ferris whose funeral, which will be attended by Mr Nicholas Scott, Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for prisons, tomorrow. Three prison officers injured in the escape remain in prison along with one prisoner injured during his recapture.

Thousands of troops and policemen were still operating blockades yesterday, although detectives accept that almost three days after the escape they will need a "lucky break" in their hunt for the fugitives. People were given warnings not to approach the "dangerous and desperate men" and to secure their homes and vehicles.

Police believe that the scale of the hunt may have forced the fleeing prisoners to lie low in Ulster areas where they would find "safe houses" before attempting to move for the border with the Irish Republic at the weekend.

But with the prison only 40 minutes from the border and three of the escapees still missing, it is likely that some may have already crossed into the Republic on the maze of unauthorized roads.

As the hunt was stepped up, traffic was unable to move for more than five miles without coming across a road block where vehicles were searched and drivers were asked for identification.

As Sir James visited the prison Mr Paisley said there had been 12 serious lapses of security, including the smuggling of five handguns and two replicas into the complex. He alleged they had got through at least seven gates within the complex without the alarm being raised and that some doors could have been opened only from the inside.

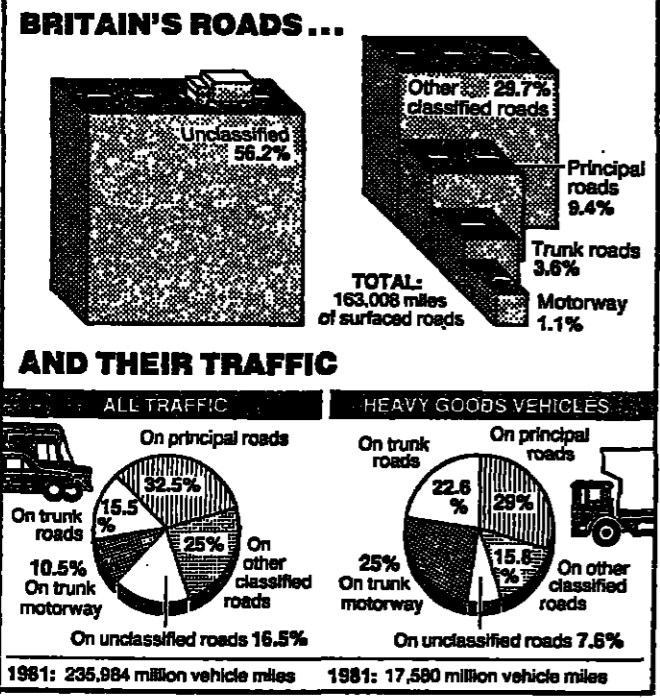
He also claimed that the outside gate was open and the Army was either not at the perimeter fence or did not react quickly enough and the back-up facilities were slow in arriving. The Northern Ireland Office denied the gate was open.

# Father flees after release

Mr Patrick Gilmore, father of a Provisional IRA "supergrass", was forced to go into hiding yesterday only hours after being freed from captivity when a mob besieged his home in the Creggan estate in Londonderry.

Mr Gilmore returned home after 10 months in IRA captivity. Leading article, page 13

Overseas selling prices  
Australia \$ch 28; Belgium 8 frs 50c; Canada Cdn \$ 1.15; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Finland MkF 7.00; France Fr 100; Germany DM 3.36; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gld 3.60; Italy Lit 200; Japan Yen 160; Korea Won 100; Luxembourg Lfr 40; Netherlands Gld 3.60; New Zealand NZD 1.50; Norway Kr 100; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore S\$ 1.00; Spain Ptas 160; Sweden S 100; Switzerland Sfr 70; Taiwan T\$ 100; Thailand Bt 50; USA \$ 1.00; Venezuela C\$ 100



# Martin 'hit in face with pistol'

By John Withrow

David Martin was hit across the face with a pistol by a policeman as he lay wounded in a pool of blood outside his flat, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Richardson, QC, for the prosecution, read part of a written statement by Det Constable Peter Finch in which he said that Mr Martin was reaching for his gun so he hit him across the face with his pistol and pushed the gun away.

The jury has been told that Constable Finch has not been called to give evidence because he was charged after the shooting of Mr Stephen Waldorf in London earlier this year and the case has not been heard.

The arrest of Mr Martin occurred on September 15, 1982, when several police officers waited for him as he returned to his flat in Crawford Place, west London. The Crown alleges that Mr Martin, aged 36, was shot in the neck as he resisted arrest but the defence maintains he was shot without warning.

Mr Martin has had pleas of not guilty entered against 15 charges, including the attempted murder of Police Constable Nicholas Carr.

Yesterday the court heard evidence from Police Constable Peter Van Dee, who fired the shot. He told the jury that he saw Mr Martin struggling with Constable Finch.

"I suddenly saw something in Martin's right hand and I realized it was a silver-coloured revolver. I brought up my weapon to the aim position and shouted: 'Freeze. Armed police!' He pointed the gun at the officer and I sincerely believe he was going to shoot him", PC Van Dee said.

He then fired and hit Mr Martin in the back of the neck. The trial continues today.

# No fight over 506 axed health jobs

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

The projected revolt of the Mersey regional health authority over the 506 job cuts agreed between its chairman and officers with the Department of Health and Social Services fizzled out last night.

Instead of demanding that the job cuts be withdrawn, the authority accepted them by nine votes to five and went on to urge the Government not to repeat the exercise.

Meanwhile, the chairman and officers of the North-east Thames regional health authority spent more than three hours discussing with ministers and DHSS officials why they should not accept job cuts of 1,416 by next March.

North-east Thames is the only one of the four Thames regions not to have settled yet on a compromise figure, and the talks were adjourned last night.

Talks so far have produced settlements amounting to the loss of 3,503 jobs in five regions, while three are to be allowed to employ 1,123 more staff, which they say is not enough to staff hospitals due to open in the next few months.

The Mersey cuts will mean several nurses' jobs having to go before the end of the financial year, but all posts for doctors and dentists will be protected. The worst affects will be felt in Liverpool, where two orthopaedic wards, one in a children's hospital and the other in a geriatric hospital will be closed.

The General Municipal Bitter-makers and Allied Trades Union is to move an emergency motion at next week's Labour Party conference condemning the cuts.

# Voluntary groups poised to oppose grant cuts

Voluntary organizations are drawing up plans to fight cuts in government grants, in spite of denials yesterday that any cuts are being planned.

The Department of Health and Social Security insisted yesterday that its grants to voluntary organizations had gone up this year, although it admitted that a fundamental administrative change demanded by Ministers last year.

The National Water Council, a quango founded by the Labour Government in 1974, will be abolished on Friday and succeeded by the Water Authorities Association, a trade body shorn of the council's statutory powers. The association will be led by the

chairmen of the 10 authorities and 28 companies which supply water in England and Wales. They have met as a transitional committee and have put forward a package to unions. The abolition of the closed shop is its most contentious element.

Authority leaders deny union claims that they have been told by DHSS to help voluntary groups with administrative costs. Several small organizations put in their bids after the financial year began, while others made late bids to finance new projects.

Some larger organizations have been paid their basic grants for this year, but are still waiting for a decision on supplementary bids for extra funds to cover inflation. Many voluntary organizations fear that a 2 per cent will be used to refuse late and supplementary bids, putting at risk the continued existence of some of the smaller ones.

# Yacht firm told to pay £114,293

By Stephen Goodwin

A retired Royal Navy commander and his wife who spent their life savings on a 39ft motor yacht and subsequently found the hull to be grossly defective were awarded damages and interest totalling £114,293.70 in the High Court yesterday.

Commander Norman Burton, aged 60, and his wife Daphne bought their Trader Trawler 39 from the Tarquin Yacht Company Ltd in 1980. They intended to charter the boat in the south of France and use the proceeds to build a villa in Spain.

The award was made up of £33,241 for the loss on the boat, now laid up at Puerto José Banus, near Marbella, Spain, £39,357.50 loss of income from chartering, £14,596.99 for wasted expenditure and interest.

The Tarquin Yacht Company Ltd was not represented at the hearing. In fact, since the Burtons began their legal battle the name of the Hampshire-based company has changed to the Tarquin Boat Company Ltd, though its motif and managing director, Mr Tony Chappell, remain the same.

The full extent of the defects emerged when the Taiwan-built boat was taken out of the water at Puerto José Banus for work on the propeller.

Mr Graham Caddick, a marine consultant and naval architect who went twice to inspect the boat in Spain in 1981, told the court that he had found evidence of "severe manufacturing defects or inadequacies."

"I would not recommend anybody to go sailing it around," he said. "The indications were that the hull was grossly defective."

He explained that the defects to the hull were such that water might have penetrated the glass fibre laminate.

He also claimed that the outside gate was open and the Army was either not at the perimeter fence or did not react quickly enough and the back-up facilities were slow in arriving. The Northern Ireland Office denied the gate was open.

# Man loses arm

Mr John Bancroft, a farm worker, aged 38, of Main Street, Harston, was recovering in Grantham General Hospital yesterday after his right arm was caught in a potato harvesting machine. It was amputated below the elbow.

# Slimming steps

A girl aged 20 who weighed 32 stone when she was admitted to King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, six weeks ago, was walking round in a ward yesterday, after being put on an intensive diet. She was unable to stand when she was admitted.

# Closed shop ultimatum

ministers to abolish the closed shop which helped the unions to organize the national water strike last winter. They say that they will accept 100 per cent voluntary union membership in the industry and will allow union recruitment of new employees at the workplace. But they will no longer make union membership a condition of employment.

Clerical staffs will be reduced when the authorities are themselves reconstituted with small management boards. The board of Thames Water, the authority which supplies London and the Home Counties, will drop from 62 members to 15.

# Job losses ahead, Jenkin tells TUC

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday told a delegation from the TUC to expect "substantial" job losses from the Government's rate-capping plan.

He also admitted that there would be "disruption, distress and hardship" because of the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties. Jobs would be lost, he said, but he would give no precise figure.

Speaking to members of the TUC's local government committee, which represents two million workers in municipal employment, Mr Jenkin denied that he planned to cut 300,000 jobs over two years, a figure estimated by the TUC.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the Government would be increasing unemployment in inner-city areas where unemployment was at a high level.

The Society of Metropolitan Treasurers has rejected the Government's plan to control rates as uncertain and unsound.

The society, representing finance officials from London and the metropolitan areas, said it had no wish to get into a political argument with the Government.

Instead it had evaluated the practical aspects of the Government's scheme to cap the rates of up to 20 high-spending councils and found it wanting.

# Pre-Christmas job prospects are brighter

By Andrew Cornelius

Britain's 2.9m unemployed stand a better chance of finding jobs before Christmas than at any time in the past four years, according to a survey of employment prospects published today.

The survey of nearly 1,200 employers representing more than three million staff was conducted by Manpower, the temporary employment services company. It reveals that twice as many companies intend to take on extra staff in the next quarter as expect job losses, which makes it the brightest fourth quarter of the year since the end of 1979.

Normally the Christmas quarter sees a sharp fall in recruitment activity, but this time the proportion of employers expecting to take on staff is virtually the same as the relatively buoyant last quarter.

# Ballot urged as Vauxhall strike threat recedes

By Our Labour Editor

The threat of an all-out strike by 14,500 manual workers at Vauxhall Motors receded yesterday after some shop stewards called for a secret ballot and Mr Terence Duffy, leader of the engineering workers, appealed to the workers to await the outcome of a national conference of the two parties.

Mass meetings have been called at the company's plants in Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port to reject a "final offer" of 8 per cent pay rises spread over 14 months, and to prepare for industrial action. The unions are claiming £2.5 a week.

The mass meetings began at Ellesmere Port yesterday when 1,800 production workers belonging to the Transport and General Workers' Union voted to reject the company's offer.

# Castle sale fetches £2.1m so far

By Louise Nicholson

Christie's three-day sale of the contents of Luttrellstown Castle outside Dublin continued yesterday as successfully as it began on Monday, bringing the total so far to IRE£2,656,759 (£2.1m).

The morning session, devoted to pictures and silver, made IRE£881,577 (£536,679).

A London dealer, Mr Roy Miles, paid IRE1,840 (estimate IRE20,000 to 30,000) to secure George Elgar Hicks's romantic portrait of Adelaide Maria, Countess of Iveagh.

She was the cousin and wife of Edward Guinness, first Lord Iveagh, and grandmother of Mrs Aileen Plunket, who is selling the castle and its contents.

Another family portrait made IRE14,040. It shows Mrs Plunket's father, Arthur Ernest Guinness, who bought the castle in 1927 and gave it to his daughter. Christie's described the sale so far as "an accolade to Mrs Plunket's discerning eye and amazing flair and taste".

# Dancer 'willing to try body-building'

Geoffrey Wynne, the ballet dancer dismissed by the London Festival Ballet who was allegedly not strong enough to lift a seven-stone ballerina, said yesterday he was not weak or over the hill at 35.

He was thin, he admitted, but could have taken up body-building had anyone told him. The ballet claims that the former soloist lacked the "necessary masculinity" for the job, and became increasingly "effeminate".

But Mr Wynne, of King's Road, Chelsea, told a London industrial tribunal yesterday that he thought he was dismissed because of the after-effects of a traffic accident in 1980, which left him with an injured neck. He is claiming unfair dismissal.

He had been required to lift ballerinas in several ballets, and at no time had there been any complaints about his partnering, he told the tribunal. "I know perfectly well that I don't have superb technique, but it is no worse than some soloists who were on the same contract as me."

Mr David Long, ballet master, said earlier: "Geoffrey Wynne did not fit the status of the company. The hearing was adjourned until October 25, when both sides will make their final submissions.

# Man loses arm

Mr John Bancroft, a farm worker, aged 38, of Main Street, Harston, was recovering in Grantham General Hospital yesterday after his right arm was caught in a potato harvesting machine. It was amputated below the elbow.

# Slimming steps

A girl aged 20 who weighed 32 stone when she was admitted to King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, six weeks ago, was walking round in a ward yesterday, after being put on an intensive diet. She was unable to stand when she was admitted.

# Closed shop ultimatum

ministers to abolish the closed shop which helped the unions to organize the national water strike last winter. They say that they will accept 100 per cent voluntary union membership in the industry and will allow union recruitment of new employees at the workplace. But they will no longer make union membership a condition of employment.

Clerical staffs will be reduced when the authorities are themselves reconstituted with small management boards. The board of Thames Water, the authority which supplies London and the Home Counties, will drop from 62 members to 15.

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After leaving school he became a clerical assistant in the Falls Road labour exchange. But he disliked the drudgery of an office job and in 1979 he left to join the Irish Army.

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# Junior housemen criticized by GPs after death of 6 patients

General practitioners who send patients to the Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, where six people have died during the past year shortly after being refused admission or discharged, have claimed that junior housemen appear to be challenging their assessments.

The family doctors want a meeting with senior consultants at the hospital to draw up an agreed medical admissions procedure. Mid Glamorgan Health Authority has already announced an inquiry into practices at the hospital, where there is often a shortage of medical beds because of the area's high illness rate.

In spite of the authority's claim that the record of the hospital's casualty department is as good as that of any other, Mr Edward Rowlands, Labour MP for Merthyr and Rhymney, has said that there is a "clear and growing concern" over some of the cases it handles.

It emerged yesterday that Mrs Janice James, aged 43, died a few hours after holding a small party to celebrate her discharge from the hospital. She died of heart disease which, her doctors point out, is not uncommon even in apparently fit people.

One GP, Dr Anil Srivastava, made a formal complaint to the hospital after learning that a woman patient, aged 53, had died of a heart complaint at her home although he had asked for her to be admitted.

He said yesterday: "This problem does not occur with surgical cases when are admitted straight away into the wards. But in medical cases it appears that often junior doctors of limited experience challenge the judgment of experienced family doctors."

# Spurned mistress describes killing

A woman sobbed yesterday as she described to a murder trial jury at the Central Criminal Court how she killed her aging millionaire lover with a champagne bottle after he taunted her about her sexuality and said he was rejecting her for a younger mistress.

Mrs Pamela Megginson, aged 61, is accused of murdering Mr Alec Hubbers, aged 79, a furniture company director, with whom she lives at his home in The Bishops Avenue, Hampstead, London.

She discovered that Mr Hubbers had a new, younger mistress, Madame Nicole Arnaud from Monaco, and had arranged to sell Madame Arnaud his flat at Cap Ferrat in the South of France. Last October, Mr Hubbers took Mrs Megginson back to Cap Ferrat where he told her that he was in love with Madame Arnaud. "He

# Boys' invention solves problem for blind

A new machine to help the blind and partially sighted to read and write has been invented by three pupils at Sevenoaks School in Kent, using a system of symbols devised in 1847. It could be in production next year and the three young inventors hope it will cost no more than an ordinary typewriter.

Yesterday Chris Berry, aged 16, and Neil Darracott, and Jon Harlow, both 17, were in London to receive a £500 award for having solved a problem that has defeated their elders for well over a century: how to adapt Dr William Moon's system of embossed writing, using an alphabet of only nine characters, so that virtually anyone, blind or sighted, can write it.

Up to now, the only way to write in Moon, which is considerably simpler than Braille, has been to use a special embossing press.

Last autumn, Mr Cedric Gairland, technical officer of the Royal National Institute for the blind, asked Mr Gerd Sommerhoff, director of the Centre of Creative Technology at Sevenoaks School, to tackle the problem.

The three boys, working under his supervision, produced five machines. Neil Darracott's award idea was a video-phone. Dr Liz Nelson, who introduced the survey at a London press conference yesterday, said that could be because women were more ready to admit their weakness.

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# Portraits of the artists making monumental decisions



Members of the Society of Portrait Sculptors making their selections for an exhibition in the Mall Gallery, London, which will run from October 17 to 22. Right: One of the judges, Miss Freda Skinner, deliberating. (Photographs: John Voos).

# Teenagers 'embarrassed by trendy parents'

From Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, Cambridge

Parents and teachers should be firm with adolescents and not attempt to copy their dress or behaviour, Dr Martyn Gay, a consultant psychiatrist from Bristol, told the Headmasters Conference yesterday.

Addressing its annual meeting in Cambridge, he said he was worried by parents and other adults who tried to blur the gap between children and adults.

"In some schools you cannot see the difference between teachers and taught in dress, behaviour or anything else," he said.

"I am sure there are adolescents who are very embarrassed frequently by the behaviour of their parents. It is necessary to have a generation boundary between adolescents and adults."

Dr Gay, who works at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, had five pieces of advice for adults in dealing with adolescents.

They must be firm; they must be consistent; they must be able to communicate with young people yet remain distanced from them; they must be sensitive to the aggressive feelings in themselves which adolescents brought out; and they should provide a stimulating environment in which

adolescents could grow and change.

Dr Gay said later that the number of adolescent patients referred to him by schools was increasing. He thought that this was because of greater public awareness about the problems of young people.

The irony was that the fathers of such pathological individuals were often pathological themselves but were regarded as successful, he said.

"In society we see relatively pathological individuals as heads of large companies. They provide the children that you look after. We see them in society as acceptable. That sort of behaviour is seen as success," Dr Gay said.

The big public schools represented by the Headmasters' Conference were able to expel

pupils instead of referring them to a psychiatrist, he said. They might then end up at a secure unit such as Kingswood in Bristol, after murdering or raping someone.

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From Our Correspondent, York

Miss Doris White, aged 72, yesterday began a rare legal action against a department store that called her a thief.

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# Scots defy terrors of high-tech

Techno-fear is twice as prevalent in the South of England as in Scotland, and is more common among women than men. But it is treatable, according to the advertising agency Taylor Nelson and Associates.

For the uninitiated, techno-fear, or its milder form, technoreistance, is defined as "difficulties in accepting and using high-technology products in the home".

According to the Taylor Nelson survey, on behalf of Rumblelows, the electrical shop chain, only 22 per cent of Scots feel that high technology has passed them by, while this figure rose to 35 per cent in the English North and Midlands, and 44 per cent in the South and West.

Although 74 per cent of respondents felt high-technology products were "a welcome addition to everyday life", 34 per cent were "just not interested, and don't have any use for them".

These contradictory findings were interpreted by the experts as reflecting a general view that high-tech was a good thing, but insufficiently understood.

Women, whose favourite high-tech ideal was a robot ironing machine, suffered more from techno-fear than men. The ideal was a video-phone, Dr Liz Nelson, who introduced the survey at a London press conference yesterday, said that could be because women were more ready to admit their weakness.

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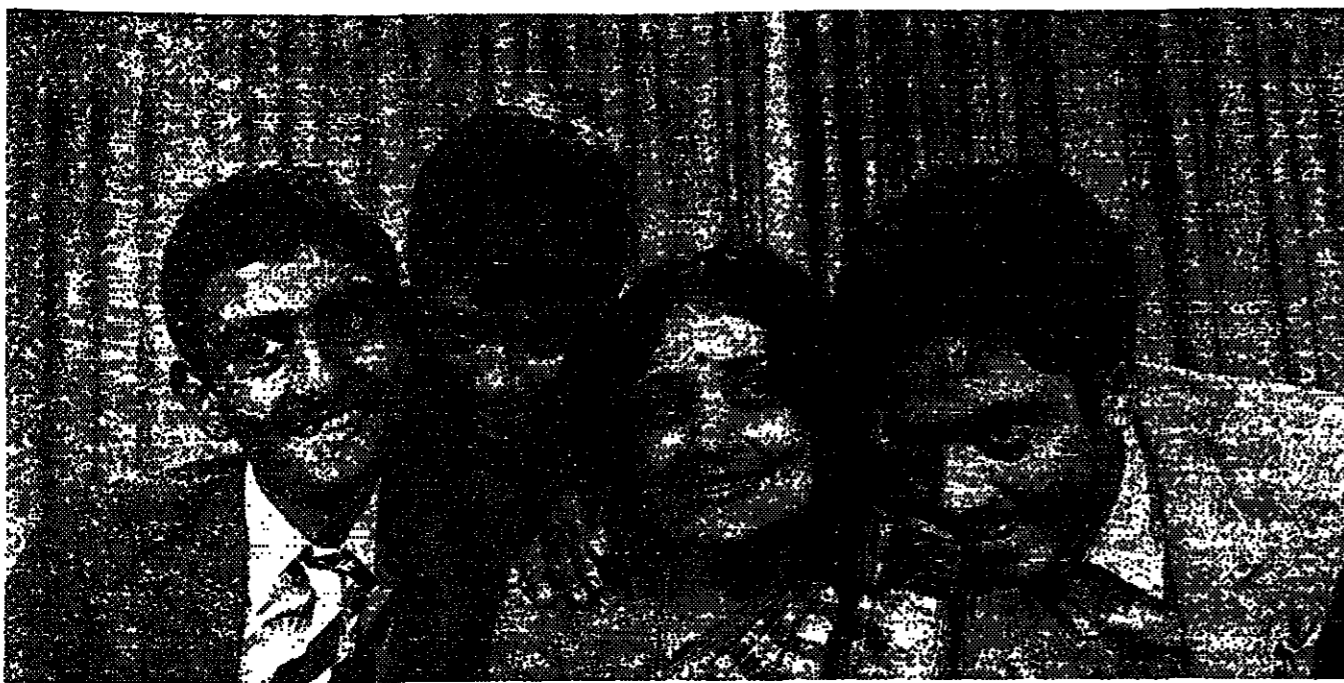


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Mrs Patel with (from left) Sanjesh, Diptesh and Jayesh yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

### Expelled sons reunited with mother

By Nicholas Timmins

Three Indian boys, expelled from Britain four years ago amid publicity, were finally reunited with their mother at Heathrow airport, London, yesterday. Jayesh, aged 20, Sanjesh aged 17, and Diptesh Patel, aged 14, have been granted the right to settle in the United Kingdom with their mother, Mrs Manjula Patel, aged 43, who is divorced, after a four-year battle against the immigration procedures that has cost her several thousand pounds.

Given me my children very easily a long time ago. Mrs Patel, who is now a British citizen, first came to Britain in 1975. She was granted the right to stay permanently in 1978. She maintained that her marriage had broken down years before and that her husband, described by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal as a wastrel, took no responsibility for the children who were living with their grandparents.

In 1979 she brought the three children to England without entry clearance because the elderly grandparents could not look after them properly and asked that they be allowed to stay. Despite a campaign to allow them to stay that was supported by Dr Donald Coggan, who was then Archbishop of Canterbury, the Home Office insisted that they return to India to apply for entry in the normal way.

The children have lost four of their formative years and the family has had much unnecessary suffering. At Heathrow the children, smartly dressed but speaking little English, said they hoped to be able to study in England, with Diptesh, the youngest child going to school. The Greater London Council yesterday joined the campaign to allow several hundred Cypriot refugees to remain in Britain.

### Accountant stole £372,000

From Our Correspondent An accountant who earned only £5,000 a year lived a life of luxury on the £372,000 he stole from his employers who ran a chain of supermarkets. Over a period of four years Alan Broadbent, aged 43, spent lavishly on cars, clothes, jewelry, fur coats and an extension to his detached home.

### Robots boost new Ford challenge

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent Ford has spent £30m on robots and other automated machines in its British factories in an attempt to reduce the cost of producing the new Orion and Fiesta models to the level achieved by its continental plants. Both cars go on sale on Friday.

### BBC chief dismisses cable fear

By Kenneth Gosling Fears that the advent of cable television will diminish the importance of balance in the BBC's journalism were rejected last night by Mr Stuart Young in his first public speech as chairman of the BBC.

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## Mugabe supporters chant anti-British songs and call for whites to go

Harare (AFP) - Supporters of Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, marched through the streets of Harare yesterday, denouncing Britain and calling for whites to leave Zimbabwe. The demonstration followed Mugabe's attack on the Thatcher Government at the weekend. About 1,000 members of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), carrying anti-British placards, massed in front of the building housing the British High Commission and chanted: "Let them (whites) go".

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## Dinner at Maxim's for China's high society

From David Bonavia Peking Peking's high society gathered last night at the new branch of the famous Maxim's Restaurant of Paris, for a dinner hosted by its owner, M Pierre Cardin, the fashion designer.

## Soviet sub intrusion confirmed

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm The Swedish Navy yesterday disclosed more evidence to support its allegations that the Soviet Union had continually violated Swedish waters since 1981 when a Russian Whiskey-class submarine ran aground off the south-coast naval base of Karlskrona.

## Zhao reiterates hope to visit America

Peking (Reuter, AP) Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Premier, yesterday confirmed his intention of visiting the United States and reiterated the invitation for President Reagan to visit China.



Gore Vidal: "Britain is nothing any more. It belongs nowhere. Going there is like going to Oslo..."

## Case against ministers as judge and jury

The most damaging complaint about the planning system is that it fails to help those who need its protection most. That complaint has been made at three of the largest and most complicated planning inquiries held in Britain this year.

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Some people no longer trust the planning system. In the last of three articles, HUGH CLAYTON, Environment Correspondent, outlines the suspicion that surrounds that system and explains its damaging effect. resources could never match those available to the Central Electricity Generating Board, which wanted to build the station. They felt that the system was loaded against them from the start, however fair and open the inquiry hearings might be as a debate. They feared that the inquiry could never be a contest of equals.

## £10m aid on the way to Mauritius

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent Mr Alex Fletcher, Under Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry, has tonight for Mauritius to give the final word on a £10m aid package for the island's new coalition government.

## Secret killings in Iran jails

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent Fresh evidence that political prisoners are being secretly killed in Iranian jails is presented by Amnesty International today.

## Jobs boost for Sagunto

From a Correspondent, Madrid Señor Carlos Solchaga, the Minister of Industry, yesterday announced the creation of more than 1,000 jobs in Sagunto, in the Valencia region, to compensate for the planned cutbacks at the state-owned integrated steel works, Altos Hornos del Mediterráneo.

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Lebanon's fragile ceasefire

Syria resolved to break Israel pact

From Robert Fisk, Damascus
disappeared now that pro-Syrian Lebanese politicians are to be included in the conference for national reconciliation in Lebanon.

being taken on Syrian army lorries through the central Lebanese town of Chouf on the road to the mountains and the Beirut area.

With almost all the Palestinian forces in Lebanon now under their control, the Syrians can apply further pressure on Mr Gemayel during the proposed reconciliation talks.



Playtime: Two United States Marines enjoying a break from the fighting with a game of Monopoly as the ceasefire holds

Warders cleared of murder

From Michael Hornby, Johannesburg
Eight South African prison warders were yesterday cleared of the murder of three of their black prisoners last December, but six of them, four whites and two blacks, were found guilty on various charges of assault.

Athens keeps ban on Beirut forces

From Mario Modiano, Athens
Greece hailed the Lebanon ceasefire yesterday but adhered to its decision to bar the use of Greek facilities for the transfer of troops or military equipment to that country.

Colonel Roberts taken to hospital

Lieutenant-Colonel David Roberts, who was relieved of command of Britain's peace-keeping force in Lebanon and flown to Cyprus suffering from exhaustion, has been admitted to the Cambridge Military Hospital in Aldershot, it was disclosed yesterday.

EEC plays down Greek rift at UN

From Zdzislaw Pysariwsky, New York
Greece last night provided the United Nations General Assembly with the EEC view of the world as Community members sought to play down the seriousness of the Greek Government's frequent insistence on deviating from the common EEC foreign policy line.

Ex-Rumasa head called a rebel

From a Correspondent, Madrid
Señor José María Ruiz Mateos, the President of Rumasa, Spain's biggest private holding company that was nationalized in February was declared by the Madrid criminal court to be in a state of "legal rebellion".

Immigrant speed-up promised

Mr Waddington: Warning on unrestricted flow
Dhaka (Reuters) - Britain is stepping up immigration clearance for Bangladeshis who are waiting to join relatives there, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday.

S Africans can survive oil boycott

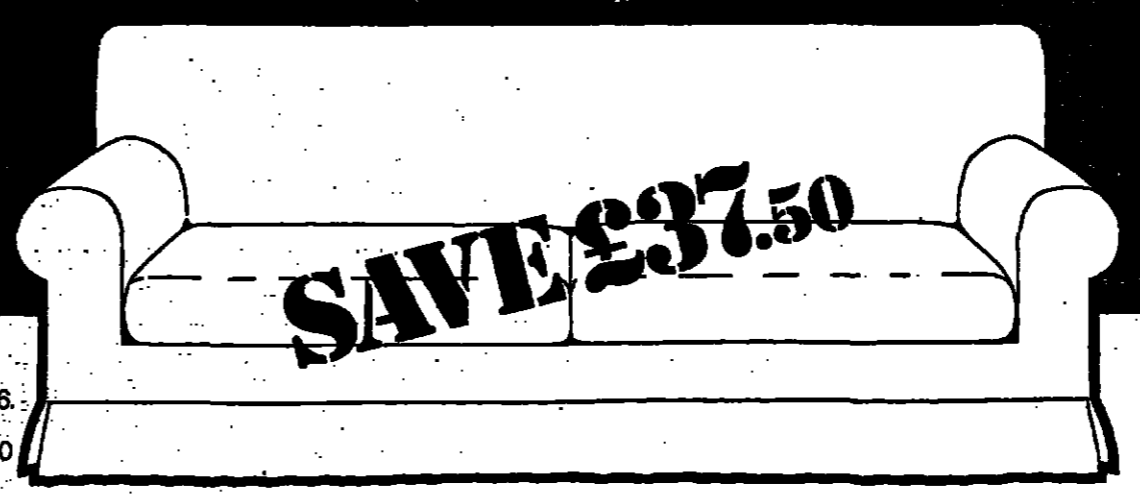
George, South Africa (Reuters) - South Africa could withstand and survive a total boycott on oil supplies, according to Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister.

Blanco leader fasts in jail

Madrid (Reuters) - Señor Eladio Fernández Menéndez, a leading Uruguayan politician, arrested and held incommunicado in connection with a day of protest against the military Government, has gone on hunger strike, according to his relatives.

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103 saints
Rome (Reuters) - One hundred Korean Roman Catholics, a Korean bishop and two French missionaries in Korea, all martyred in the nineteenth century, are to be canonized as saints.

Nuclear alert
Madrid (AFP) - By the end of the century the amount of nuclear waste worldwide will have increased tenfold to 200,000 tonnes, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Floods kill 114
Dhaka (AP) - Two weeks of floods in Bangladesh have claimed 114 lives and affected more than three million people, officials said.

Kim protest
Seoul (AFP) - A group of 24 South Korean politicians, including Mr Kim Young-Sam, have launched a democracy campaign with the primary objective of obtaining a constitutional amendment allowing South Koreans to directly and freely elect the country's president.

£300m grant
Delhi (AP) - Britain will provide India with the equivalent of £300m to develop mining activities under an agreement signed yesterday. Half the grant will be used to import goods and services from Britain and half to finance local costs.

Kaunda appeal
Lusaka (AFP) - President Kaunda has appealed to Zambia troops to help fight armed robbers and killings in Zambia, which he blamed on Zairean soldiers.

Afrikaner politics

Broederbond's battle forced into limelight
From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg
The recent turmoil in the Afrikaner Broederbond and the forced resignation of its chairman, Professor Carl Boshoff, has thrust this curious, perhaps unique, and secretive organization into the limelight, which it normally shies to shun.

Broederbond's battle forced into limelight

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg
Trentzucht, a former Cabinet minister and Dutch Reformed Church preacher, is also an ex-chairman of the Broederbond.

Broederbond's battle forced into limelight

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The Broederbond was founded in Johannesburg in 1918 as a cultural organization by a handful of Afrikaners who feared that the identity of the Volk was threatened by British cultural and economic dominance.

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Doors firmly closed on arms deal



The empty seat: An angry Soviet UN delegation leaves the seat intended for Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, unoccupied.

Russia condemns Reagan's 'blatant lies'

From Richard Owen Moscow

Mr. Andrei Gromyko may not have been in the United Nations General Assembly to hear President Reagan urge Russia to "walk through the door" to an arms agreement on Monday, but Tass yesterday indicated the way in which the Soviet Foreign Minister would have declined the invitation.

It said the fact that the door was closed was the fault of the United States, and Mr. Reagan had made a speech full of "gross distortions, demagoguery, misinformation and blatant lies".

Tass also attacked Mrs Margaret Thatcher, accusing her of pathological anti-communism and saying she had put the blame for the Geneva impasse "at the wrong door".

All in all, there was a lot of talk about doors in Moscow yesterday and very little hope that they might open on to a bright future

of arms agreements and East-West concord.

Tass said Mr Reagan had tried "to prove what cannot be proved, that his Administration's policy of whipping up tension and increasing preparations for war meets the lofty aims and principles of the United Nations Charter".

It said the American President had regretted the rise in tensions in regional "arenas of confrontation between the great powers", when in fact it was Washington itself which had "stoked the fires" of conflict from Lebanon to El Salvador.

Referring to Mr Reagan's thesis that some non-aligned nations were in fact client states of the Soviet Union, Tass said it had clearly annoyed America that non-aligned states were pursuing policies not to Washington's liking.

Tass did not discuss in detail Mr Reagan's new proposals at the Geneva talks on medium range

missiles, which have already been dismissed by the Kremlin as nothing new. It said the President had used his address to slander the Soviet Union by trying to blame Moscow for "the provocation involving a South Korean plane". His speech was an attempt to camouflage the "aggressive imperialist essence" of American foreign policy.

Mr Gromyko, who should have attended the General Assembly session but withdrew when restrictions were placed on his Aeroflot flight to New York, spent the day receiving Mr Boluslav Choupek, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister. Soviet television showed shots of Mr Gromyko trying - not very successfully - to look as if he would rather be talking to Mr Choupek than taking centre stage at the United Nations.

President Andropov's contribution was an oblique one, as has been his style lately, and took the form of a message to the Afro-Asian Writers Association confer-

ence in Tashkent. He said the world situation was "extremely complicated and difficult" due to imperialism's preparations for war and the United States' "big stick" policy in Asia, Africa and Latin America. "There is now no greater task than the curbing of this senseless arms race," he said.

In an attack on Mrs Thatcher's television interview, Tass said the Prime Minister was so blinded by anti-communism that she could not see it was Nato and not Russia which had launched the arms race. She had repeated "hackneyed" reasons for not including the British and French deterrents in the talks, and had been unable to refrain from "gross anti-Soviet insinuations" when discussing the airliner tragedy.

"Mrs Thatcher urges the Soviet Union to apologize", Tass commented, "but her appeal has gone to the wrong address. It should have gone to the organizers of this provocation in Washington."

Diplomats said that Mr Reagan's concessions on the arms

talks fell a long way short of Moscow's position. Mr Reagan said that if Russia agreed to missile reduction on a global basis, and included Soviet rockets in Asia, the United States would not necessarily match all Soviet missiles stationed in Europe. But Moscow has refused consistently to include its Asian missiles in the talks, and demands that no new missiles at all should be deployed by Nato in Europe.

Mr Reagan's point that Pershing 2 missiles would be reduced as part of an agreement, as well as the slower cruise missile, is some comfort to Moscow, but not enough to allay Soviet fears of the Pershing's short flying time and target accuracy.

As for the suggestion that bombers should be counted as well as missile warheads, the Soviet Union does not agree with the United States over which nuclear-capable aircraft should be included.

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Falklands lobby launched by junta

From Zoriana Pyarivsky New York

Argentina is urging Britain's allies to persuade it to discontinue its "Fortress Falklands" policy, and has launched its campaign in the UN General Assembly this year to attain coveted European support for negotiations over the sovereignty of the islands.

Señor Juan Aguirre Lapari, the Argentine Foreign Minister, said on Monday that the West should dissociate itself from Britain's "dangerous adventure". He cited the decision by Britain to establish what he called a strategic alliance in the Falklands as an escalation of its military expansionist policy in the South Atlantic.

It was clear, he said, that the base would be designed to allow Britain to extend its global strategic interests, and he gave warning of the dangers of transforming the South Atlantic into a new source of conflict between East and West.

He also accused Britain of favouring its attempts at peace-making, and his refusal to accept the mandate of the Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, to renew negotiations between the two sides. Argentina is expected with its Latin allies to table a motion calling for the resumption of negotiations when his assembly debates the issue later this year.

There is little doubt that Argentina will win a resounding majority in the assembly for its stand, but it was clear from Señor Aguirre's remarks that European support is the most prized. Last year a majority of the European Community voted in favour of the UN Charter relating to the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In a right of reply, Mr Nicholas Barrington, Britain's representative, said that the many and varied accusations made by Argentina were without foundation. He said that Argentina had attempted to airbrush out the fact that it had broken off from the negotiating process with the deliberate and unprovoked invasion of the islands last year.

Señor Aguirre discounted Britain's contention that Argentina's failure to declare a formal end of hostilities was the source of continued tension. He said his country's attitude was in full conformity with the provisions of the UN Charter relating to the peaceful settlement of disputes.

He noted that the fourteen and a half months that had elapsed since the cessation of fighting was confirmation of Argentina's good will and its compliance with international law.

Terror in Corsica

French crack down on nationalists

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Less than a week after the outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the murder of the second most senior civil servant in northern Corsica, the Government has decided to crack down on the Federation of Nationalist Councils. The political wing of the Corsican terrorist movement.

Announcing the decision to outlaw the federation after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, M. Max Gallo, the Government spokesman, said that numerous and close links had been established between the two organizations. The federation has been in the forefront of the nationalist campaign accusing the Government of responsibility for the alleged murder of M. Guy Orsoni. The nationalist militant, who disappeared three months ago and whose body has never been found.

In a statement to the press last Wednesday, the front said that it had "executed" M. Pierre-Jean Massimi, secretary-general of the Regional Council for North Corsica, and M. Félix Rosso, a restaurant owner, for their part in the alleged murder of M. Orsoni.

In particular, they accused M. Massimi of having been given 1m francs (€80,000) by M. Joseph Franceschi, the Minister of Public Security, in order to pay for hired hands to kill M. Orsoni. The handing over of the money is alleged to have taken place on June 18, the day after M. Orsoni's disappearance, when M. Franceschi was indeed seen on the island.

The Government has clearly begun to worry about the effects of these allegations on public opinion. On Sunday, after a meeting with local Corsican councillors in Paris, M. Gaston Defferre, Minister of the Interior, put out a statement "solemnly denying" such "absurd" rumours. "Can you really see a minister wandering round with a bag or

suitcase (full of money)," he asked. M. Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, has also denounced the front's attempts to whip up public opinion against a government minister.

The federation has organized several demonstrations on the island in support of the front's claims, and last Friday, Mme Pascale Verdi, editor of the nationalist newspaper *U Ribonbu*, was charged with "spreading false information" about Government involvement in M. Orsoni's disappearance.

A week earlier, M. Jean-Louis Eyssartel, head of the local radio station, Radio Corse, was also charged with spreading false



M. Franceschi: Accused by Corsican terrorists.

Information after he had broadcast a report of a press conference last spring at which the nationalists claimed that two of their militants had been tortured by the police.

A spokesman for the Federation of Nationalist Councils denied that the Government had proof of "any organic relations" between it and "some clandestine movement".

Heavy turnover of MPs in Kenya election

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

First results in Kenya's general election yesterday showed the expected heavy turnover of former MPs, with several ministers and assistant ministers losing their seats.

In many areas the poll was small - sometimes less than 25 per cent of the electorate - indicating that a high proportion of the 7.2 million registered voters either stayed at home or were barred from voting because of mistakes in the electoral rolls.

The only white candidate, Mr Philip Leakey, was reported to

have scored a narrow victory over his main rival, the veteran politician Mr Achieng Ouko, in the first count in the Langata constituency, a Nairobi suburb. But Mr Ouko objected to the count, and lengthy discussion followed as to whether a full recount should be undertaken.

Several hours later it was officially announced that Mr Leakey had retained his seat with a majority of more than 2,000 votes. After the announcement supporters of some of his opponents jostled white reporters.

Americans deny finding Korean jet black box

Tokyo (AP) - US naval vessels have located the flight data and voice recorders from the downed South Korean airliner, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK) said yesterday. American officials immediately denied it.

The NHK report, quoting government sources, came after a statement by the chief government spokesman and activity in northern Japan that set off a wave

of speculation that the Americans would soon recover the recorders. Japan's Kyodo news service carried a similar report, quoting Foreign Ministry sources.

The report was denied by Lieutenant Gary Shroul, spokesman for the US Navy in Japan. "As of this afternoon we have not found the black box. I'm not waffling on that one," The Foreign Ministry said they had no knowledge of the reports.

Policeman dies in Sind pre-poll riot

Islamabad (Reuters) - Tension mounted in Sind Province yesterday as three people died, a bomb exploded and police rounded up opposition leaders before tomorrow's controversial local elections, opposition sources said.

The sources said that three died and 13 were injured when a crowd of opposition supporters exchanged gunfire with police who were trying to inspect a polling station at Khanpur, northern Sind. Police sources confirmed that

one policeman was killed while visiting the station. The opposition has called for a boycott of the polls because political parties are banned from contesting them.

A bomb rocked a government building in Shikarpur, seven miles from Khanpur, the sources added. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), which has kept up anti-government unrest in central Sind since August 14, said that the

military government has rounded up more than 350 people to keep them from disrupting the elections.

Police searched more than 50 houses on Monday night in the provincial capital of Karachi, the MRD acting secretary general, Mr Iqbal Haider reported.

He said that there could be many more arrests in central Sind, where violent protests have resulted in the polls being delayed for three days in the worst-hit districts.

Hongkong finance official hurries home from IMF

From Richard Hughes, Hongkong

As Hongkong's Financial Secretary, Sir John Bremridge, hurried back five days early from the IMF-World Bank conference in Washington, the Hongkong dollar welcomed him with a substantial recovery.

In confident mood, Sir John said that his presence in Hongkong "could be more important than sipping cocktails" in Washington. He emphasized that the withholding tax on Hongkong dollar deposits would not be abolished and gave warning that "those people selling Hongkong dollars at this juncture are going to get their fingers badly burnt".

Meanwhile, Hongkong's Consumer Council has urged shoppers to stop panic buying, which would only aggravate profiteering. The Consumer Council has received complaints of increases of up to 50 per cent in sale prices of many market commodities. Australian rice - the most widely consumed in Hongkong - has been virtually sold out.

The Government has also had to withdraw three lots of Crown land from sale by public auction because not a single buyer was interested in the normal opening prices.

On the political front, Mr John Walden, former Director of Home Affairs, blamed both the British and Chinese Governments for the collapse of the Hongkong dollar.

He said that the British and Chinese were treating Hongkong's five million people as "mute pawns" and did not care what damage they did to local living standards.

There is increasing certainty that colonial authoritarian

government will be replaced by Communist authoritarian government, without any assurances that civic rights will be protected", he said.

However, there has been widespread satisfaction over the promotion of the retiring British Ambassador in Peking, Sir Peter Cradock, to two high-level posts in the Foreign Office, with continuing responsibility for the negotiations over the future of Hongkong.

"I only wish that on the Chinese side they had someone who is equally knowledgeable and who enjoys the same degree of cooperation among the Chinese

leaders", said a Hongkong commentator, Mr T. L. Tsai.

An influential local group, the Hongkong Christian Industrial Committee, has expressed directly to Chinese and British authorities its concern over the collapse of the dollar and has warned Hongkong against "committing collective suicide".

Sir Percy Cradock, New appointment praised.

East Berlin concession to children

Berlin (AP) - East Germany announced yesterday it has dropped currency exchange requirements for children visiting from the West and has eased rules on family reunification.

The West German Government called the East Berlin action inadequate. This summer Bonn approved a DM10m loan to East Germany to encourage easing of restrictions.

West Germany has repeatedly demanded abolition of the currency exchange law, saying it discourages Westerners from visiting East Germany. Visits have fallen sharply since East Berlin in 1980 doubled to DM25 the daily amount of Western currency that adult visitors must exchange. Children, aged between six and 14, had to exchange DM7.5 a day.

Aquino panel to resume

Manila (AFP) - The presidential panel investigating the assassination of Benigno Aquino, the murdered Philippine opposition leader, decided at a closed meeting to resume proceedings on October 10 with or without a Supreme Court ruling on an opposition challenge to its legality.

The commission will invite Filipino or foreigners, who claimed to have witnessed Mr Aquino's killing at Manila airport on August 21 to testify before the commission, whose five members were appointed by President Marcos.

Queen's debut

Mbabane (Reuters) - The new Swazi Queen Regent Ntombi has received envoys of Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia in her first public engagement since her disputed appointment last month.

Korean scandal

Seoul (Reuters) - Prosecutors said they were questioning several officials of a South Korean bank in connection with a \$10m swindle. The Cheongju Bank said it had dismissed 11 of its officials.

Matterhorn toll

Zermatt (Reuters) - The number of people killed this year while climbing Switzerland's most famous peak, the Matterhorn, rose to a record 18 yesterday. A 36-year-old American was the latest victim.

Viper brood

Madrid (AFP) - A huge gaboon viper has given birth to 70 offspring, at the zoo here, about double the normal number for the species. Weighing in at little more than 2 oz each the snake brood was reported to be doing well.

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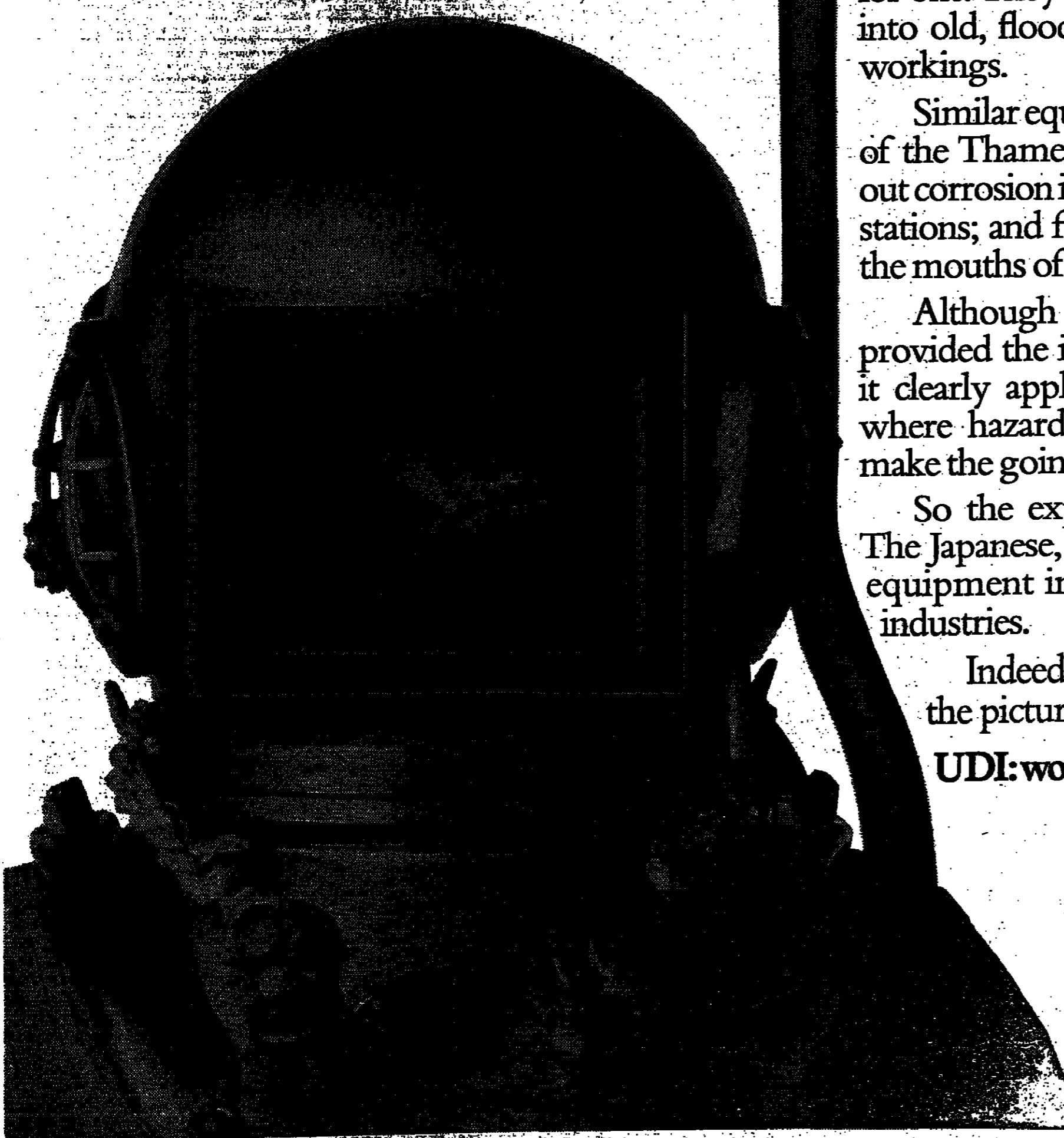
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UDI: working well with Shell







SPECTRUM

Hot on the heels of the Whimsical Fifties and the Swinging Sixties came the baying, destructive anarchy of punk. In his concluding article on postwar style, Bevis Hillier looks back at the growth of young disenchantment in the Cynical Seventies - and sees within its conspicuous acts of violent bad taste the seeds of hope

Will they cry for Johnny Rotten?

By the end of the 1970s, nostalgia was catching up with its own tail. Events were being recycled as nostalgia almost as soon as they happened. In January 1980, the enterprising Preston Polytechnic Library held a show called The Seventies. The catalogue began with an alphabetical list of people and things the organizers associated with the decade. They included Adidas bags, Princess Anne, Amin, boat people, Bay City Rollers, colour television, digital watches, fast food, gay lib, high-tech, hang-gliding, Patty Hearst, jogging, Muppets, platform shoes, Angela Rippon, Johnny Rotten, skateboards, streakers, skinheads, Watergate and women's lib.

Even Mick Jagger was becoming respectable. There were few people still capable of being shocked. Novel means of shock had been mostly exhausted by the end of the 70s - by *Flesh, Trash, Heat, Last Exit to Brooklyn, Sebastiane, Oh! Calcutta!, Portnoy's Complaint* and *Deep Throat*. The Underground had become a flyover. The move away from urban culture, begun in the late-1960s, continued. Richard Adams's *Waterhip Down* (1972), an epic about bunny rabbits, and *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady* (1977) were both, to the surprise of the many publishers who had rejected them, runaway bestsellers. In the catalogue to the exhibition *Homespun to High Speed* held at Sheffield Art Galleries in 1979, Fiona MacCarthy wrote: "The new idealism [of the 1970s], like the old idealism of the Arts and Crafts movement of the 1880s onwards, was an anti-urban movement. . . . Vernacular idylls was a style which made a great impact on progressives of this period, in their solar-heated houses. . . . Bread crocks by Richard Betterham, a rag rug by John Hinchliffe, a bowl by Richard Raffan, a box by Lucy Goffin."

Decades come in pairs: the hard-faced, political 1930s succeeded the frothy, escapist '20s; the good-time, whimsical '50s clambered back to affluence after the austere '40s. The 1970s, too, had a character contrapuntal to that of the '60s. If the 1960s were swinging, optimistic, full of innovation, the '70s brought disenchantment, stagnation, a negative feeling, finally the baying, destructive anarchy of punk. If one is looking for an alternative sobriquet for the 1970s, "the cynical '70s" probably comes closest to the truth. The drop-outs were running out of cash. The Beatles were disillusioned with their sly-old Maharishi. The drug culture may have expanded some minds but it had also reduced some lifespans, including those of the pop idols Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Brian Jones. The silver sheen had worn off the Chelsea Drug Store, and it was hideously repainted. The editor of *OZ* was arrested. Lenny Bruce committed suicide. Andy Warhol was shot. The establishment was twitching the reins of society again and calling its strays to heel. David Frost, a leader of 1960s satirists, had become a pious interviewer. The ex-satirist exchanged sycophantic chat with the ex-Shah of Iran and with ex-President Nixon. Jane Fonda began accepting her Oscars again. Dudley Moore, another '60s satirist, was assumed into Hollywood.

Adapted from *The Style of the Century 1900-1980* by Bevis Hillier, published on October 20 by the Herbert Press, price £12.50.



Top: the cover of the first LP by the rock group Roxy Music flaunted a return to glamour and fantasy, its lascivious image shot through with an irony soon to become all-pervasive. Left: his death in New York while on bail for murder made Sid Vicious into a punk icon. Above right: the magazine *i-D* represents punk at its most sophisticated.

urinating cupids who performed when you warmed a glass bulb.

It is possible that the new popularity of *kitsch* represented boredom with the po-faced worthiness of modern movement design which had managed to survive all the novelties and freaks of the 1960s and was still being sold by firms such as Habitat and Heal's, scrubbed pinewood coats, glass-topped coffee tables on square legs, leather cushions in tubular steel frames. The embracing of *kitsch* was a snook-cocking at the design establishment. It prepared the way for a clearing of the decks.

Revolutions are seldom achieved in the case of design this does not usually mean blood-letting, some kind of definitive assault on established values had to precede the regeneration of design and the decorative arts. That assault came from punk, the most original and influential stylistic development of the '70s. Here for the first time was a popular movement which was too hot for commerce to handle. EMI gave the Sex Pistols, headed by Johnny Rotten, a contract - but were forced to cancel it, with a big payoff for the Pistols, because of the damage to its corporate identity by the Sex Pistols' outrageous behaviour on and off stage. This was a tiger not for taming. The stage punks swore and spat and puked. The street punks mortified their flesh with safety-pins, wore extraordinary uniforms hobbled

with straps and slashed with zip-pockets; and shaved and dyed their hair into Mohican styles.

Punk combined violence and *kitsch*. The intelligentsia of the young generation had already had their baptism of brutality in the Paris 'May' revolution of 1968, which had precipitated its own superb art form, the silkscreened and lithographed posters by which, as Jean Cassou wrote, the walls of Paris were "magnificently profaned". Now it was the turn of the non-university youth. In 1979 the punk rock star Sid Vicious died from an overdose of heroin in Greenwich Village, New York, while out on \$50,000 bail after being accused of murdering his American girlfriend Nancy in October 1978. A film glorifying him was made; and the front page of *The Sun* of February 3, 1979, headlining his death, is still being printed on t-shirts four years later.

If the psychédelic style of the 1960s was an adaptation of Art Nouveau, the basis of punk is to be found in the 1950s - in the hard rock style, in the splatters of Jackson Pollock, in the leopardskin patterns of starlets' coats and Lady Dicker's car seats and in the elliptical frames of Holiday Inn signs. *The Evening Standard* on August 19, 1977 used the funeral of Elvis Presley as a chance to rail against punk: "Presley's death like his life is inevitably attended by much that is ersatz and professionally staged - an extravaganza of *kitsch* of every variety.

But there is no mistaking the real shock, bereavement and desolation on thousands of those faces pressed against the gates of his house and queuing for the memorial service. Will they cry like that for Johnny Rotten?"

Probably not; but perhaps there was something to be said for punk beyond the punks' own suggestion of a justified revenge on a society that had given them some short shrift. In the contribution I was asked to write for the Preston Polytechnic Seventies exhibition catalogue, I tried to say what that "something" was: "Many regard punk as an evil phenomenon, something which threatens the fragile basis of our society. It means that old ladies get beaten up on tube trains, who can dissent from this view? But in the decorative arts, I cannot help regarding it as something fresh and hopeful. Before a new order comes into being, the old one must be destroyed, and punk is nothing if not destructive. I grew up in decades, and in a section of society (the middle-middle-class) where conformity reigned. When I walk along the King's Road, Chelsea, today and see that young people have had the sheer courage to turn themselves into walking works of art with pink and green hair and extraordinary trousers hobbled at the legs by straps, with weird tattoos on their hope for the arts. Good art can only begin with an act of bad taste - a shocking breach with the conformist past."

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THE POP-UP WORLD OF JONATHAN MILLER

Just how does this phenomenon we call Jonathan Miller work? Come to that, how do pop-up books work? Why is it that, when we open a pop-up book, Jonathan Miller's fingers come writhing out at us, labelled "Jonathan Miller's fingers"? How do we know that they aren't seaweed or a new kind of tea time biscuit? And why are we asking all these questions? The technology of pop-up books goes back into the depth of history. The Romans had books. They also had statues, some of them looking remarkably like Jonathan Miller. Their problem was how to combine the two so that a wealthy Roman villa owner, living perhaps in Gaul but with a numbered account in Helvetia, could open a new coffee table volume and have the living features of Jonathan Miller, or just that year's Roman Emperor, spring out at him.

The Roman Empire never solved this problem and went bankrupt in the attempt in about AD600. At about the same time a small Saxon community in what we now call Germany was packing its bags prior to moving to Britain for a primitive time-sharing experiment and labelling all the inhabitants so that they should not be misled on arrival. Their problem: what to label the miller.

"I know!" said someone. "Let's call him Miller!" Now, 1,300 years later, everyone in our society can own their own surname except the very rich indeed, who can only afford titles, and technology has come so far that you can open an ordinary-looking book and find Jonathan Miller's nose popping out at you.

Why have we got noses? What would happen if we breathed in all the time and never breathed out? Why isn't there a Sir Peter Hall pop-up? The secret, perhaps, lies in Jonathan Miller's Diaries.

"Jan 19. I have been asked to produce another 49 operas for television. God, how I hate television. I will do just these 49 operas and then go back to life as an ordinary GP, with just one hand-held camera and a sound recorder. Who knows - perhaps one day Peter Hall will come in complaining of a runny nose?"

"Jan 20. Why have we got a nose? I mean, why not two noses? To sniff intention would be to give us directional location of the thing we were sniffing. On the other hand, a double nose would be very difficult to do in a pop-up book."

"Jan 21. My hands have received a very lucrative TV offer. They have been asked to demonstrate the history of theatre today. On the other hand, the rest of me will not be involved at all. Gpd. how I hate television. try to do better tomorrow."

In 1973 the building that we now call Peter Hall was opened on the South Bank, and Jonathan Miller resigned the next day. He immediately set to work on his great opus, a pop-up history of the world with special reference to the spleen.

The part of the appendix was played by Derek Jacobi and the part of the sexy shoulders by Helen Mirren; Jonathan Miller's ears were played by himself, and even *The Lancet* was moved to comment that Shakespeare himself would have approved.

Shakespeare's diaries, however, tell a different story. "Jan 19. A fair commission to compose 49 dramas for ye Globe. God, how I hate ye drama! And yet Godda knows I need the money. Only these 49 pieces, then, and perchance thereafter may I retire to practise medicine."

"Jan 20. There cometh one to propose a mad planne, namely, that I do set downe a poppe-up history of the body. Well, so I may. And yet it may still prove naught but a jape by Peter Hall, whom I do mistrust full heartily."

"Jan 21. This morn have I churmed out three trag-comedies. The morrow I must do full better. Rain, fogge and pestilence."

Now, 380 years later, Jonathan Miller will be telling you in *The Times* next week how to make your own pop-up books, produce your own Shakespeare plays, and get those nasty stains off your doublet and hose. The week after that he will be going back to work as a male nurse. Don't forget - only in *The Times*, the Pop-up World of Jonathan Miller!

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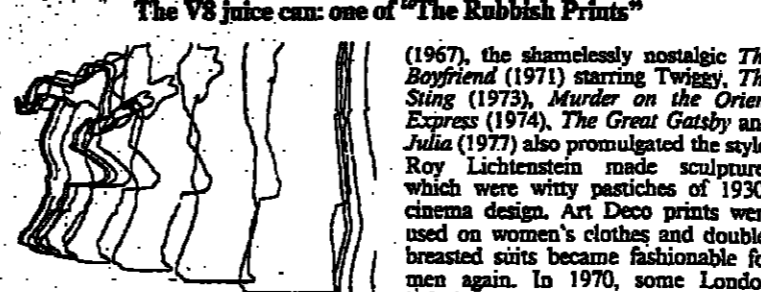
Pop goes a decade

Pop art was the first "gallery" art form in which America led the world. It might have been named by an English critic, Lawrence Alloway, and pioneered by an English artist, Richard Hamilton, but America was where the new masters of inspiration lay. Michelangelo found his in the sculpture of ancient Italy. In the early 1960s the pop artists found theirs in the junk culture of modern America. The true pop artists revelled in the commercial products they depicted - or they depicted traditional subjects in a commercial way.

In 1970 Motif Editions, London, issued a series of four posters by Michael English called "The Rubbish Prints". One was of a crumpled V-8 juice can; the others showed a ketchup bottle, a Coke bottle, top, and a sequential tube of SR toothpaste. Here, then, was a message of a mess-age. The rubbish that did not get into architect-designed litter bins had its own intrinsic qualities. Pop had no ideals. It did not moralize.

The genesis of Cubism took place well before the First World War; but Cubism was not domesticated, was not absorbed into the decorative arts, until the 1920s. Similarly, pop art, which had its great age in the 1960s, only became part of the vocabulary of design in the late 1960s. By the 1970s it was a major force in the decorative arts. It popularized the idea of "multiples" - not only the repetition of a single image many times in a single work, but also in posters which democratized the artist's original concept. And it affected furniture design, such as Rupert Oliver's spanner seat and nut table at the 1971 International Engineering Exhibition, moulded from high-density polyurethane foam; or the Amassan "spreadmobile" which gave a boy's bed the appearance of a sports car.

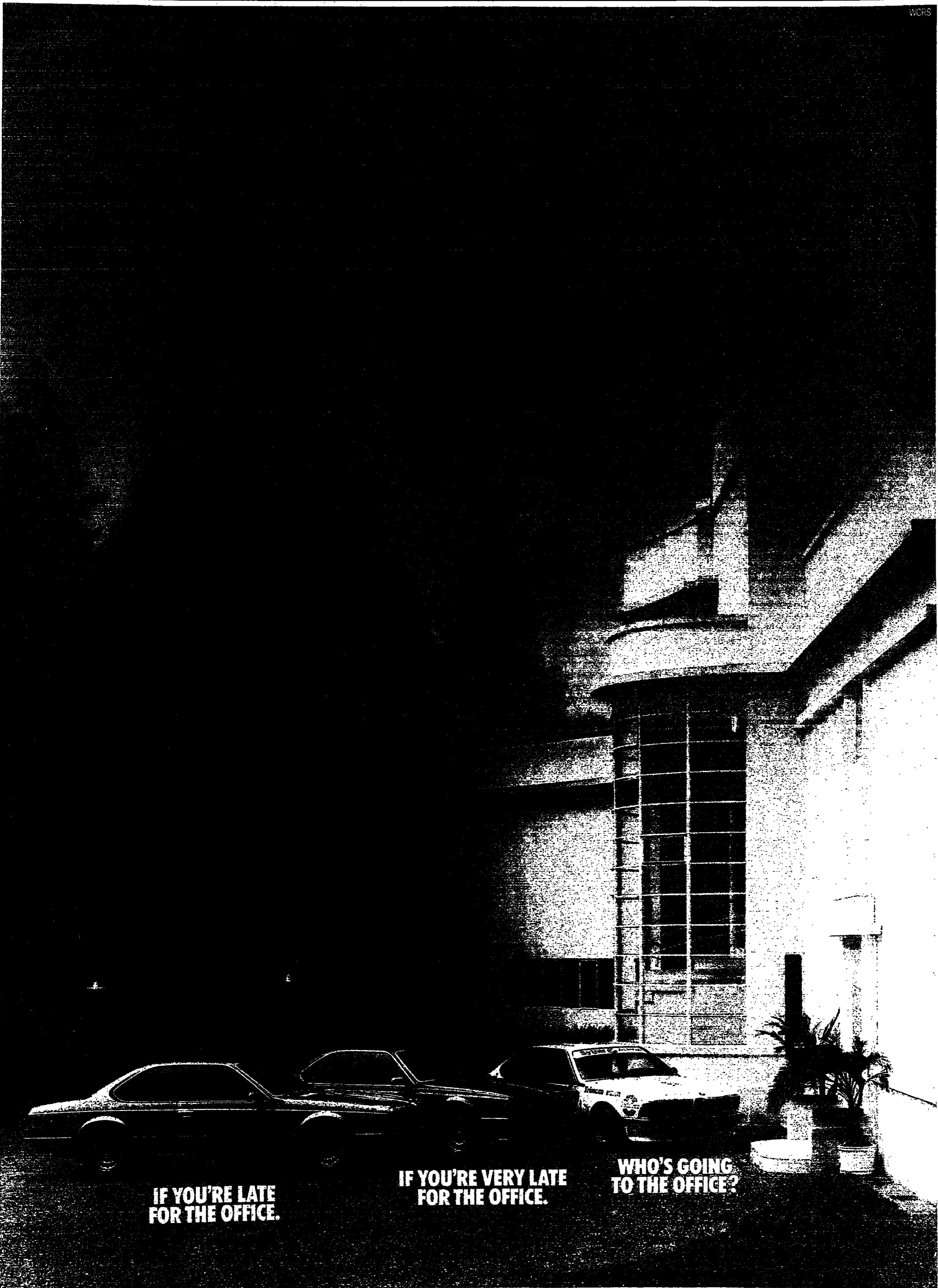
Cybernetics: The exhibition Cybernetic Serendipity, organized by Jasia Reichardt at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, in 1962, showed some of the possibilities of a relationship between art and computers. Could they become more sophisticated than endearing humanoid robots in a space movie? The 1968 ICA show suggested the possibility of computer-aided design. The graphic display terminal was a



"powerful and compact information processor, tailored to communicate with the designer in the medium he best understands - visual images." There was some direct spin-offs of the exhibition in art, notably a limited set of lithographs issued by Motif Editions, of images made by computers. People began to talk about computer graphics as though this was the way ahead for art. The Korean artist Nam June Paik boldly asserted that "the cathode ray will one day replace canvas." Nostalgia: The Art Nouveau revival was virtually over by 1970; but the Art Deco revival was moving into top gear. In 1971 a big Deco exhibition was staged at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minnesota. Films such as *Bonnie and Clyde* Malcolm Brown

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Growing pains

When the "Plant a Tree in '73" campaign was launched in an attempt to repair the ravages of Dutch elm disease...

Recent Forestry Commission figures suggest that as many as 10 per cent of all plants, in any case, are already desiccated and effectively doomed when they arrive on site.

Doney's bouquet

An anonymous Swiss hopes to sell a bottle of Scotch whisky for more than £300 at Sotheby's today.

Running buffet

The story of the Sharrow Bay Hotel at Penryn in Cornwall seems to be rather fascinating, says the English tourist Board.

Where's the Rub?

The next issue of the Spectator is to carry a note on its letters page differentiating between Michael Fubenstein, whose letter in this week's issue deplores the "continuing failure" of all concerned in the Literary Review's publication of that article by Reold Dahl...

Unthink tank

The peace-loving London Borough of Lewisham plans to dismantle a tank-shaped climbing frame in a playground in Folkestone Gardens.

The Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh has written to Noburu Hamada, president of the Japan Marine Machinery Development Association...

So easy to stop the Labour levy

by Michael Ivens

Public expressions of guilt by trade union officials are rare. It is no coincidence that they occur tomorrow, just as the TUC is to meet Mr Norman Tebbit to discuss the political levy.

Since 1947, union members in England, Scotland and Wales have had to opt out rather than opt in to a paying political levy to the Labour Party.

The present position of trade unionists on the political levy can be summed up by a survey carried out by National Opinion Polls for Aims of Industry.

Some trade unions, of course, are better than others in making it easy for their members to opt out.

Bleachers and Textile Workers getting 100 per cent of contributors to the political fund in 1979?

Or in 1981 the TGWU achieving 98 per cent, the NUR 97 per cent and Aslef 94 per cent?

There is a strong case, then, for changing from opting out to indicating positively your support for Labour by opting in.

These days many employers collect the union dues under so-called "sweetheart" agreements with unions. Very often the union will ask the employer to collect the political levy as well.

How all this works in practice can be seen from the case of the brave Mr Jack Cleminson who year in, year out, asked the Post Office and Engineering Union for the political levy which the Post Office had knocked off his wages.

Cleminson also handed opting out forms to his colleagues - and was threatened that he would lose his job by trade union representatives.

That gentleman produced a curious ruling. The union, he said, had to pay money in advance for the money deducted by the Post Office from Mr Cleminson's wages.

Trade unions and guilty employers sometimes argue that in these days of the computer, it is too expensive or difficult to take into account political levy exceptions.

The solution is simple. The law should make it illegal for employers to deduct the levy if trade unionists have stated they do not want to pay it.

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne Here's health, the French way

Eighteen months ago I had to go into hospital for a minor operation. First I was inspected by a consultant who discussed the nature of my responsibilities at the Treasury and then handed me over to two young housemen.

I went into hospital - as an NHS patient, I hastily add - for three days. The treatment was excellent, and entirely successful.

So I find it difficult to swallow the reports of the desecration being perpetrated on the NHS by flint-hearted Norman Fowler.

Certainly cuts such as the closure of 20 per cent of the beds of the Department of Paediatrics at Guy's should be avoided, but such issues skirt the problem of over-manning in the Health Service.

In total, the NHS payroll grew by 55,000. Yet hospital waiting lists have not noticeably shortened, nor has there been any noticeable increase in the number of patients treated.

It is true that an ageing population and a longer life expectancy make extra demands on the NHS. It is also true that more people are needed, from GPs to cleaners, to provide the same level of service as the hours of work have shrunk.

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people to use private medicine is to debate the English language. On the other hand, I can see nothing remotely improper about the contemplation and discussion of long-term changes in the way we pay for health.

I have never been convinced by the arguments of those who would have us follow the US example and rely on private medical insurance with a safety-net.

But the American system is not the only alternative. In France, health care is financed from compulsory insurance and topped up from taxes, much as it is in Britain.

Instead of the service being either free at point of use, or subject to charges (for prescriptions, dental care, etc) unrelated to costs, as it is on this side of the Channel, the user is billed and has to pay and subsequently reclaims.

There are plenty of pitiable administrative costs are higher, since the sheep who can be expected to meet the initial charge until they can reclaim it have to be sorted from the goats who cannot.

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Two months after martial law's end, Roger Boyes assesses the army's new role

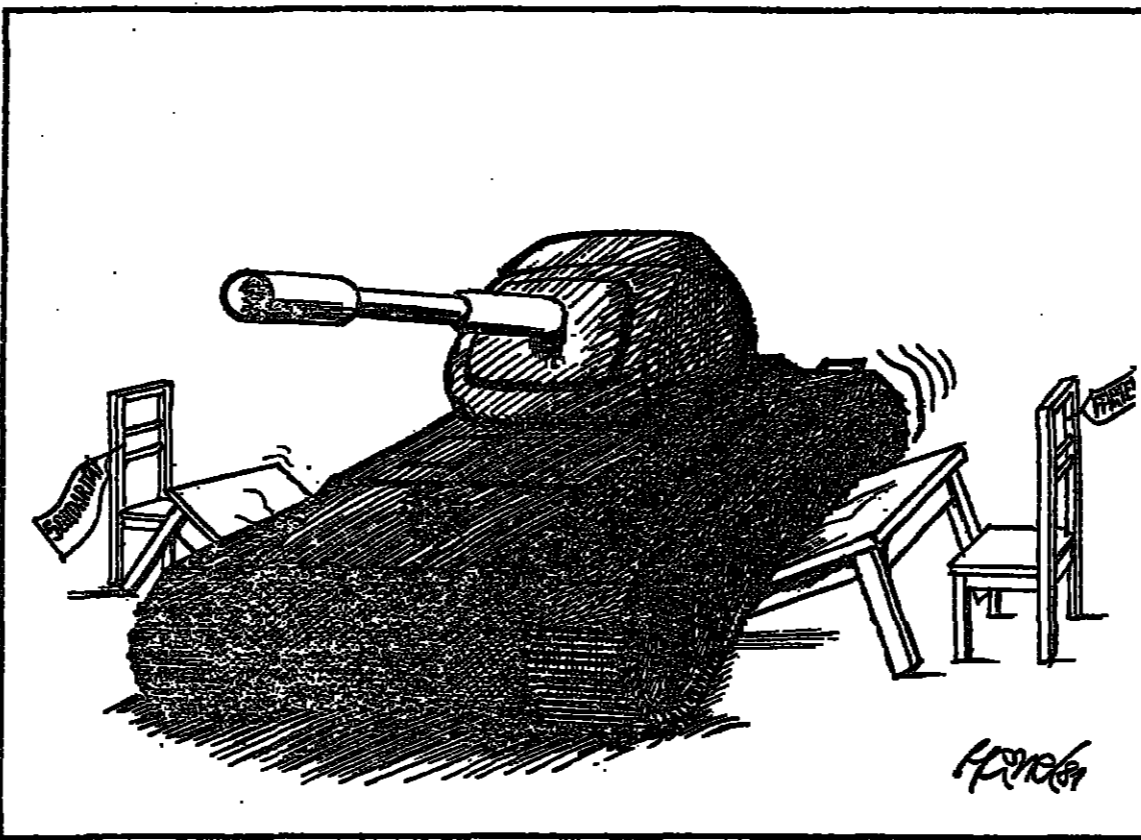
Poland's army: still no political retreat

Warsaw In the gloom and muggy warmth of a Warsaw underpass, near the flower-sellers and the wizened women offering strings of garlic, an accordion-wielding ex-soldier plays day in, day out an old partisan lament.

Very soon, probably in a matter of weeks, General Jaruzelski, the country's leader, is expected to resign as Minister of Defence, a post he has held for 15 years, thus yielding his direct control of an institution that evokes simple patriotic emotions but complex political thoughts.

Thousands of party apparatchiks were dislodged. The role of the army was to control the pace of change so that it would not seem threatening, to ensure that the direction of those changes did not undermine the Communist Party even further and to lead authority - not physically participating - to the efforts of the internal security forces in stamping out the Solidarity opposition.

But now two months have gone by since the lifting of martial law and it is becoming clear that the army is not just an instrument of transition. It has fulfilled its national task, but not its party political one.



Dialogue ended reproduced from the Kölner Stadtanzeiger

become a commitment to national "salvation"? When is it legitimate for an army to intervene politically - and when should this intervention end?

In the Soviet Union, where the authority of the party and its institution goes unquestioned (the questioners are in jail), the support of the army is needed to carry off a change in leadership, but its own political involvement is limited.

But the army also has a mission to the Communist Party. This creates a dilemma for thinking generals: what if the Party is not serving the nation effectively? Should the army stand idly by? Martial law showed that the generals are willing to gamble much to reconcile their two personas.

now every soldier should be an economic and social activist - former commissars should maintain permanent contact at offices or factories where they have worked.

This then is the new military role in Poland: the soldier is a political activist, for only the army can boast the monolithic party structure that should (in the ideal Marxist world) be the case throughout Polish political society.

And, perhaps even most important, army officers control two of the most decisive sections of the Communist Party central committee - the personnel department and international relations.

participation in the Party may not make communism more popular but it should make it more effective.

The emphasis on defence may well lead to a redefinition of the army's political role. The officers involved in running the country at the moment are mainly from a political background - invariably Soviet-trained at staff college level - and are not really needed back at the barracks.

None of this means that the army has ousted the party; rather, one of the most active and trustworthy parts of the party has taken up a stronger leadership role.

Conner, alone with America's sunken pride

Newport, Rhode Island Around here it is rather as if Everest had been bought by a Japanese camera company. The belated public sportsmanship being exhibited by the slick, socially exclusive New York Yacht Club, as it handed over for the first time in 132 years the coveted America's Cup to ecstatic Australians at a Bellevue Avenue mansion, is in severe contrast to its private, even resentful, anguish.

As Alan Bond's wildly rejoicing crew sailed past, the Black Knight gun which had signalled the finish of the race then fired a four-salvo salute while the members doffed their hats and bowed in acknowledgement to a beautiful, innovative boat and the crew which so nearly failed her. Their fists were no doubt clenched at losing a lead of three races to one, never mind that unbelievable switch on the fifth leg, when Dennis Conner's 57-second advantage evaporated in a mistaken downward course.

When Conner, the 1980 champion in Freedom against Bond's third boat, Australia I, achieved that 3-1 lead, the crackling shortwave radios out on Rhode Island Sound picked up the talk between NYCC Commodores Robert Stone and Bob McCulloch, and their helmsman.

There on her towing launch, Black Swan, was the red-jacketed Conner, with a fixed, empty good loser's smile gazing up at the myriad of frenzied Australian faces. How different it had been a few hours before as the tanned Conner, looking

like Al Jolson with his sun-creamed white lips, had confidently jockeyed his burgundy-coloured boat in the pre-race manoeuvres.

Back in New York, where the club was formed in 1844, and settled into its present mansion in 1901, those members not in Newport had been listening to a radio commentary in

the bar with its red leather chairs and portraits of boats and skippers of long ago. The club has no television: it is that kind of club. No one knows what they thought as Liberty's lead disappeared by the start of the final leg.

When Conner finally got into the water against Lazenby's Lightning, as it is known, he was raw to the exceptional qualities which Victory '83 and the others had long since discovered. Ultimately, by the narrowest of all that colossal margin, the man who gave every command on his boat, made the singular error which neutralized the earlier ones by Bertrand. It was the right result.

James Curran Puppet state and a Westminster MP

Sir Peter Emery, MP for Honiton, who was knighted for distinguished political services last year, has pursued a career not entirely free of controversy. He was in effect rapped over the knuckles by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee in 1980 for being a director of a company that made an excessive profit from managing the publicly funded Underwater Training Centre in Scotland.

There is nothing particularly unusual in MPs having business interests and nothing particularly unusual about work in public relations, many MPs relate, promote, advertise and oil wheels. But Sir Peter Emery's latest form of political entrepreneurship requires examination. His company, Shenley Trust Services, is acting as a public relations agency for Bophuthatswana, a so-called independent black state in South Africa.

At first sight, Bophuthatswana would seem a laudable as well as a profitable cause to promote. Its record on human rights, unlike that of the other Bantustans, is good. Its government was democratically elected, albeit on a registered franchise of about 270,000 in a country that is officially the homeland of 2,700,000 people.

But Bophuthatswana, like the other Bantustans, is the means by which the South African government legitimates white domination. The African majority is denied political, property and full residential rights on the grounds that it belongs to Bantustans, even though many have never set foot in them. By this simple legal fiction, blacks accounting for 73 per cent of the population are excluded from ownership of 86 per cent of the land in South Africa, incorporating virtually all parts of the country which have mineral resources, good farming land or expensive economic activity.

Yet a solid block of Tory party opinion

opposes apartheid African government hopes to ensure that resistance to white domination will develop in the form of a struggle between blacks. But the development of pseudo-independent Bantustans represents only a face-lift to a system of exploitation based on racist economic theories. Most of the resources of a mineral-rich country will continue to be appropriated by a white minority through the use of making the majority aliens in their own land. This is why Britain, the EEC, and the entire civilized world have refused to recognize any of the four Bantustans so far declared to be independent states.

But if South Africa is to achieve a diplomatic breakthrough in the future, Britain is the one country in which the process could begin. Britain has the most right wing government in the EEC in terms of its international policy. Bophuthatswana, led by a decent "Uncle Tom" figure, Chief Mangope, is the best run and most creditable of the Bantustans. And Sir Peter Emery, identified with the liberal centre of the Conservative Party, is a good choice for lubricating a change of policy.

Nevertheless, there is a solid block of opinion in the Conservative Party which is implacably opposed to apartheid in South Africa. This one hopes, will be sufficient to stop in its tracks South Africa's latest diplomatic initiative and discourage Sir Peter from promoting it. The author is editor of New Socialist.

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## THE REAGAN OFFER

Should President Reagan be rude to the Russians if he is genuinely seeking an agreement on arms control? In his address to the United Nations General Assembly on Monday he made important concessions in an effort to break the stalemate at the Geneva talks on Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), but also questioned Soviet good faith and criticized the record of the USSR in international affairs. The initial response from Moscow does not augur well for progress at Geneva; Tass counterattacked by accusing Mr Reagan of using "gross distortions of generally known facts, demagoguery, disinformation, and blatant lies."

Yet the balance of his speech was about right. The proposals on arms control were revealed to Soviet negotiators at Geneva the previous week, rather than first announced on a public occasion for maximum propaganda advantage, as had been President Andropov's practice. The criticisms of the USSR were relatively muted, and were certainly just. Unlike the Soviet leader, President Reagan has to take account of public opinion in the Nato democracies, and explain why it is so difficult to achieve arms limitations clearly of benefit to the whole world.

President Reagan has made three proposals which go some way to meeting Soviet demands at the INF talks. First, the US would not seek to match in western Europe the total number of warheads deployed by the USSR in its European and Asian territories, but would maintain equal numbers on a global basis,

thus achieving a balance at a level lower than the numbers of land-based weapons of intermediate range now possessed by the USSR. This would mean that Moscow would reduce the warheads targeted on western Europe while fewer US weapons would be required when deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles begins in December.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, has the opportunity during his visit to China to explain the thinking behind the new proposals to his hosts who, faced with 108 of the triple warhead SS20 missiles across their northern border, clearly prefer the destruction of the Soviet weapons envisaged in President Reagan's initial "zero option". For China and Japan, an arms limitation which leaves the Soviet weapons on site in Asia cannot be satisfactory, and since they are highly mobile and could be redeployed to threaten Western Europe, it is certainly vital that Washington retains the right to deploy "elsewhere" the missiles within the global balance not deployed in Europe.

The second concession - agreeing to include medium range bomber forces - will greatly complicate the work of the INF negotiators, but has long been demanded by Moscow which claims that when aircraft are included a balance already exists without the cruise and Pershing II missiles. This is based on a distortion of the figures, however, which brings in British and French deterrents and even includes aircraft stationed in the USA with shorter range than Soviet bombers

excluded from Moscow's calculations. Counting all medium range weapons and aircraft, the Warsaw Pact forces actually have four times the Nato figures.

The third proposal should certainly be welcomed by Moscow, since it allows for the reduction of Pershing II numbers to preserve the one-to-five ratio with cruise missiles should an agreement to lower the overall balance be achieved. The faster Pershings are regarded by USSR as the greater threat, taking only eight minutes from their West German bases to reach targets in the USSR.

There is enough evidence of flexibility and compromise in these proposals to encourage a more constructive Soviet stance at Geneva. But President Reagan correctly emphasized the necessity of effective verification and pointed out the need for the USSR to improve its very suspect record in observing the international agreements already negotiated such as the Helsinki Final Act, the Convention on Biological Weapons, and earlier arms limitation treaties. He was not being rude to the Russians in saying that the tragedy of the Korean airliner showed how different is the Kremlin's attitude to truth and international cooperation. This is an unfortunate fact of life which the western public must bear in mind when demanding progress at Geneva. President Reagan's proposals, together with the imminent deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles, place the onus firmly on the Soviet leaders to show a similar willingness to reach agreement.

## NOT YET A RESIGNING MATTER

The twenty-one republican prisoners still at large from the break-out at the Maze prison on Sunday will not, even if they remain at liberty, have the same operational value for the Provisional IRA as they had before they were arrested, convicted and imprisoned. That value, denominated in murders and explosions, was very high in the case of some of them. But they are now marked down by the police forces of both parts of Ireland. If they show themselves they risk recapture. They are too hot a property for most missions. Their escape may not do much directly to reinforce the IRA's ability to sustain the commission of crimes that it calls war.

However that may be, there is no mistaking the political significance of the escape. It was one of those deeds of daring that are the very stuff of the Irish republican tradition of armed resistance. The Provos triumphantly cry "Colditz", and they must be allowed the comparison. It is the perfect propaganda antidote to the procession of informers that have shaken the organization's morale. It is deeply disheartening to the security forces in Northern Ireland, especially the units which laboured to bring these men to justice in the first place. It does not leave unscathed those who carry political responsibility in the province.

From the point of view of authority the misadventure is so gross and notorious as to bring up the question of political resignation, the demand for which has been heard both in

Ulster and in Britain. The stable door is locked, and the necessary inquiry into how it came to be opened has been set in motion at the appropriate level. A "sub-judice" interlude supervenes. Is that enough to be going on with?

Political resignations, the kind in which the victim jumps and is not just pushed, can serve a useful purpose. Sometimes, as in the case of Lord Carrington and his colleagues at the Foreign Office, the purpose is ritual expiation; to make amends for the government's collective fault; to draw a line of some sort under the past in order to enable the government better to tackle the urgency of the present. Sometimes, as in the case of Sir Thomas Dugdale and Crichton Down, the purpose is more personal: resignation is the signal that the minister assumes responsibility for the misdeeds of his officials, even if they are of a kind for which personal supervision would not be expected of him; it is a signal that the ranks of politicians contain honourable men.

This is not the occasion for a Carrington type of resignation. The Government's general ability to manage the affairs of Northern Ireland is not seriously impaired by the incident (and if the Provos were handed the political scalp of a Secretary of State they would have even more to crow about). Moreover the setback occurs in the field of internal security, where there has been steady and marked improvement under the present administration in Northern Ireland. This is not the culmi-

nation of a record of failure, but a sudden and spectacular reverse in an area where things were going fairly well.

The time for a Dugdale type of resignation will come, if at all, when Sir James Hennessy has made his report. It may then be possible to see how far the disaster was due to the negligence or criminality of individuals, and how far to errors of policy or laxity in their execution. In measuring the obligations of political honour against those of conscience it will be fair to remember that we are not talking about Whitehall in conditions of external peace and civil harmony. The inveterate and bloodstained enemies of the state who are active in Northern Ireland have the power to inflict occasional spectacular coups de main in the face even of vigilance.

The name of Mr Nicholas Scott, the junior minister with responsibility for prisons, is the one to which a call for resignation is being pinned, not solely for reasons that have to do with security in Northern Ireland. If this were a resigning matter - and it is our view that it is not, subject to the finding of the inquiry - it would implicate the Secretary of State and not simply one of his parliamentary under-secretaries. The political administration at Stormont is compact. Security policy is at the heart of it, and the Maze is near the heart of security policy. Responsibility goes right to the top.

## SAILING, SAILING

Much of the fascination of the America's Cup has derived from the stubborn brilliance with which the Americans defended it for 132 years. The desire to be the first to break the spell brought rich men, superb yachts and the world's best helmsmen to Newport time after time. One by one they lost, and each time they did so the fascination grew.

Now the Australians have won at last, after many attempts, and the spell is broken. Skilled sailors though they are, they won primarily on the drawing board and in the Dutch testing tank, for they had a markedly faster boat. The Americans, who probably had the edge as sailors, were out-designed rather than out-sailed, and they nearly won the last race.

The Australians' secret lay not just in the mysterious winged keel but in the whole design around it which enabled them to make a light boat without loss of stability. Their victory is no less praiseworthy for that. The complex formula of the twelve-metre class challenges the designer as much as the helmsman. The Australians took up the challenge and simply did a better job than anyone else. They well deserve their victory; the Americans were somewhat ill-mannered to object as vociferously as they did. As for the British, sadness that their magnificent effort was not quite

sufficient should not stifle praise for the Australians.

Of the Americans' behaviour it can perhaps be said in mitigation that as a nation they would not be where they are in the world today if they did not attach so much importance to winning. But this will make the loss even harder for them. In the way that symbolism sometimes becomes attached to matters of only marginal relevance, Americans may see the loss of the cup as further confirmation of their fears that they are losing their ability to hold the outer frontiers of technological innovation. Some may even see it as part of a wider loss of predominance.

Doubtless the Americans will fight back. They will fight on the computers and the drawing boards. They will fight in the testing tanks and finally on the water. But will other nations fight too? Will the magic hold? Obviously it will be somewhat reduced. No one can equal the Australians' feat unless the cup is held in Perth for another 132 years. Yet something will surely survive.

The America's Cup is rightly regarded as the Everest of yachting, a unique event in the rarified upper atmosphere of sailing. The boats are magnificent thoroughbreds of astonishing beauty, almost archetypal yachts, so finely constructed for

one purpose that they are virtually useless for anything else unless extensively modified. The races themselves are strange, lonely elegant duels between two yachts only, far out to sea, as distant from the multiple skirmishing of most yacht racing as Everest from a crowded athletics meeting.

And the sport is very much in tune with the age. It involves modern technology, yet it produces no pollution and little noise (the spectator fleet is another matter, of course). It does no damage. It requires no mastery of nature but subtle and sensitive exploration of how to extract the most power from wind and water. The best helmsmen are those who can find and hold that thin line of balance along which the elements seem to join in driving the boat forward. The America's Cup will continue to represent one of the highest tests of their skill.

Obviously there are hundreds of socially more useful ways of spending money, but once applied utilitarian criteria to the pursuit of dreams and there is no stopping. Sailing is no more useless than football or ballet, and pound for pound it may well create as many jobs and as much happiness. So may the pursuit of the America's Cup continue, and the magic survive, and the next round be friendlier.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Raising revenues of debtor countries

From Sir William Lithgow

Sir, Understanding the world banking crisis requires a little reflection. In 1974, after adjustment for inflation, the average cost of sovereign dollar borrowing was about -6% per cent, by 1982 +13% per cent, a crude difference of 20 per cent. Nine years ago surplus oil revenues were flooding the money markets of industrialised countries committed to paying their oil suppliers more, but unwilling to pay their voters less. By last year, however, the Opec countries had become net borrowers.

Today the United States, rather than raising adequate taxes, exploits the example of the countries which borrowed so heavily and many United States banks have been left extraordinarily exposed.

Viability of a country or a project could be achieved a few years ago, at the expense of widows, orphans and sheiks, through the mechanism of inflation alone, which increased dollar revenues at a greater rate than borrowing costs. With interest rates near historic record levels, it is today as unrealistic to suppose that the real

revenues of debtor countries can be increased by up to 20 per cent without further investment in the middle of a world recession as to assume that oil producers' revenues could be recycled without risk nine years ago.

Sound money and sound economies cannot be achieved by arbitrary actions. It is little wonder that the United Kingdom has a deficit on trade in manufactures when this new phase of money madness is closing the markets of developing countries.

New initiatives are urgently required from this side of the Atlantic, from the United Kingdom as a banking and industrial nation. It is in the interests of all that we get our act together and overcome organisational problems that have left the world with too many idle hands and minds and too much poverty.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Rates reform

From the Chief Executive of Swale Borough Council

Sir, The Government invites views on its White Paper on rates. May I, from the inside, add to the admirable comments of your leading article of September 16 and hope to dispel a number of deeply seated misconceptions?

The White Paper starts from the mischievous and misleading premise that "the Government cannot ignore the deep and widespread sense of grievance felt by ratepayers". Having itself failed to reform the rating system the Government then orchestrated a campaign against those who have to operate the present outdated system with the intention of undermining public confidence in local government so as to pick it off like a ripe plum.

The Government claims credit for seeking "to reverse the growth in current expenditure" by "increasing the accountability of local authorities". Accountability is measured locally in votes and expenditure in "needs". Local government does not require a sermon on that.

We provide vast, more information on our functions than does central government. It is they, not we, who so frequently shelter behind the phrase "not in the public interest". All Cabinet papers are secret; all ours are open. Open government? Accountability? I ask you!

The Government go on to claim they "were fully prepared to propose to Parliament the abolition of domestic rates if consultation had revealed broad-based support...". Humbled! If we have to wait for a consensus on such an important matter we are entitled to ask, "Where has leadership gone?"

And what about industrial rates anyway? Local income tax would be an entirely viable alternative to rates, needing only a computer and a programme for its introduction. Doesn't the Government have any computers? We do.

The White Paper simply will not do. It is the Government's job democratically to reform the 200-year-old rating system. It is not their job automatically to substitute their judgment for that of locally elected councillors.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Worker consultation

From the General Secretary of the International Metalworkers' Federation

Sir, I suppose it was a coincidence that, immediately preceding a report from 17 leading chairmen of European companies expressing justified concern about the gradual disintegration of the EEC (page 15, September 13), was a letter (page 13) from a British Conservative Euro MP arguing that what has happened since the EEC Voting Directive over three weeks ago is not a disintegration of the EEC and the need for urgent steps to reverse this process. But while the European

institutions, under unremitting pressure from business interests, do all in their power to scupper initiatives aimed at social progress and ignore calls for action to combat unemployment and scorn efforts at making multinational companies operate under the same rules as national companies, who can blame the masses of West Europe's population those in and out of work and their families, if they profess no interest in the future of the EEC?

The chairmen of ICI, Shell, Philips, Fiat and so on might ask themselves whether their idea of Europe is one which serves only the immediate profitability of their individual companies. If that is the case, and I fear on the evidence of their lobbying over Voting it is, then their noble words about European unity will always be confounded by their shortsighted actions.

Sincerely yours,  
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### Action on abortion

From Dr James Owen Drife

Sir, Ms Nankivell rightly points out (September 21) that the 28-week upper limit on legal termination of pregnancy is out of date and should be reduced, but her suggested limit of 14 weeks is based on a misunderstanding of amniocentesis that may have misled your readers.

Amniocentesis (drawing fluid from the womb) is done around the sixteenth week of pregnancy and is impossible at 12 weeks because the womb is too small. It is carried out to diagnose congenital abnormality, and with spina bifida an answer can be obtained within days of the test. However, in Down's syndrome and other chromosome abnormalities analysis of the fluid takes about three weeks and termination cannot be carried out until the twentieth week of pregnancy, even if no technical or administrative delays occur. Faster methods of making these diagnoses are being examined, but are not yet reliable.

### Age of the train

From Mr Alan Etherington

Sir, As one of the earlier "Euston people" and also as one of the present "Liverpool Street people" referred to by Paul Jennings in his recent article, "A case of terminal ferrocutandia" (September 10), I feel I must respond to some of the points he made. I write not as a victim of ferrocutandia (the state of being ashamed of any suggestion of rail travel) but as an exponent of ferrogloria (the state of being proud of such a suggestion).

The great horizontal girders on the apparent Tower of Babel to be seen today at Liverpool Street station are merely the means whereby major repairs are being carried out to the roof of the Western Train Shed, which is to be retained and restored to its original noble glory, with its unsurpassed height unbroken.

As to the new concourse, one will still enter it from various levels. There will be, as Paul Jennings hopes, "the mystery of glass and magical processions of people in space-filling counter-flow" and we shall certainly achieve at least some of the objectives in his final list.

Nevertheless some reduction in the legal limit is possible and desirable, but when abortion was last discussed in Parliament the debate was inconclusive and the status quo was left intact. Doctors have therefore been left with the ethical decisions about late abortion, and it is rarely performed close to the limit set by Parliament.

Recently it has been suggested in your columns (September 20) that ethical decisions in medicine should be made not by doctors but by laymen. Ms Nankivell's letter and Parliament's indecision both indicate to me that this suggestion is impracticable.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Keeping quiet

From Mr Tom Chidley

Sir, At school our music master had a message which he would regularly bellow at his choir: "Don't cough, swallow".

Since the season of mists is all but upon us, as the British public remain as phlegmatic as ever, would it not be possible for the managers of our concert halls to have some notices drawn up?

Yours faithfully,  
TOM CHIDLEY,  
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Middlesex,  
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### Financing pensions in weak economy

From Mr Nigel Vinson and Mr Philip Chappell

Sir, Lord Byers (September 17) by implication criticises our proposals to give the option for personal and portable pensions - as the self-employed now have - to all.

We share his concern to protect what has been done for the welfare of pensioners, but it is indeed the very scale of the success of the measures for which Lord Byers was in part responsible that leads us to the present dilemma - the core issue of how to finance pensions in a weak economy with a growing demographic imbalance.

We do not suggest for one moment that existing pension arrangements have come about for anything but the best possible motives, and for some people these arrangements have proved highly satisfactory. However, for many more who, either optionally or through no fault of their own, have to change jobs the present arrangements are inequitable.

Our proposals did not start from trying to resolve the balance between leavers and stayers but rather because we perceived the lack of personal identification and involvement by the member in the wealth represented by the £120bn of pension fund assets. It happens to be a most timely and beneficial by-product of our proposals that they would, over a period, also solve the early leaver problem.

Unless we begin soon to make a progressive and gradual shift in the property rights to the capital represented by pension funds we shall finish, in as little as 20 years, with a society where virtually everything is owned by the institutions.

History shows that this is undesirable, and unnecessary, because the alternative of personalising that wealth must be so much better for the employee, the company and the nation at large.

We believe that nothing but

benefit would come from people closely relating to the wealth represented by their pension funds and realising how much value they and the company are accumulating together. An annual declaration of the employee's position, as is already given by a number of leading companies, could do nothing, but good, if only to moderate the excessive expectations of pensioners.

If eventually the rights of early leavers are made equal to those of long stayers then, in logic, if all are treated the same it would not be difficult to optionally administer each pension fund as a unit trust. This would bring all the motivational benefits of identification with that wealth - individuals are more likely to understand the process of wealth-creation if they own it.

There is nothing mandatory about our proposals; we seek no U-turns but rather progressive voluntary changes within the pensions industry. We hope for minor regulatory alterations to enable ex-employees to transfer their preserved pensions into an approved personal scheme and, indeed, pension administrators should be grateful to get rid of the obligation to track down and pay snippets of monthly pension to ex-employees who left the company some 30 years before.

Overall, our proposals give the chance to be more fair to those who, in our increasingly labour mobile times, might wish to have the option - the freedom to choose - to take their pension with them, as the self-employed can. What is more, they encourage the dissemination of ownership, that essential condition for a free and responsible society.

Yours etc,  
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### Trees and the landscape

From Dame Sylvia Crowe

Sir, Recent correspondence in your columns is a welcome proof of the current widespread concern for our landscape. This exchange of views is doubly encouraging because real and lasting gain to our environment can only be assured if there is dialogue and mutual understanding between all those concerned with the use of our land.

Damage to the landscape is usually the result of the blinkered pursuit of one particular interest, be it industry, transport, housing, agriculture or forestry, and our country suffers today from many examples of this over-specialisation. But Britain is also fortunate in having a rich legacy in both town and countryside where the prime land use has accommodated other values.

Most of the agricultural landscape, while efficiently fulfilling its prime role of food production, still gives pleasure to those who live in it and look at it, as well as providing the natural habitats without which the countryside would be lifeless. Similarly the majority of our forests combine timber production with conservation and are increasingly

being managed to this end and to provide recreation. Reservoirs now not only supply our water, but are major wildflower habitats and centres of recreation.

The wide advocacy of increased tree planting perhaps indicates that we are at last to reverse the centuries old deforestation of our land, but the most fruitful use of this renaissance requires careful thought, knowledge and imagination.

Large multi-purpose forests have their place, especially on our more degraded soils, but of even greater benefit to the land in general are the small woodlands and shelter belts in the countryside and, above all, the woodlands of our green belts and cities, giving untold pleasure to town dwellers and providing areas of great value in nature conservation.

Afforestation on derelict land is bringing new life and enjoyment to old industrial cities, such as Stoke-on-Trent, Warrington and now Liverpool. Let us hope that the plans for redeveloping London's Docklands will also take the opportunity to include, for the pleasure of Londoners, a new forest and water landscape.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Church membership

From the Rev Brother Martin, SSF

Sir, Mr P. A. Barter states, in his letter of September 17, that he is bewildered about declining membership of the Church of England, for he had previously understood that new translations of the Bible and modern services would attract more people into attending church.

He is, in fact, expressing a popular misconception, and one which has been repudiated several times by Canon R. C. D. Jasper, who was chairman of the commission which put the proposals before the General Synod which ultimately resulted in the publication of the *Alternative Service Book*.

Members of that commission knew sufficient about human nature to realize that unwilling people would not be persuaded into commitment to Christ merely through linguistic and liturgical changes.

Nevertheless, many of those who are so committed benefit enormously from the insights and freshness of the new services, and their justification (or otherwise) should be argued along these lines.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Yachting facilities

From Mr Anthony Short

Sir, Mr Blackburn (September 21) misses the point of Mr Collard's letter (September 15). There is a severe lack of good moorings in Britain. The south coast is attracting many Continental sailors who appreciate our landscape and lifestyle.

Sailing in French waters with their massive tides one soon finds safe anchorages and non-drying moorings even in the smallest fishing villages, such as Granville, Perros or Lezardrieux. They offer greater safety, more flexibility in choice of passage, and increased tourist trade for the area.

The south coast urgently requires safe anchorages and wet berthing at times at Swanage, Ventnor or Shanklin, Lyme Regis or West Bay and Bognor and Rye. Surely if Bucklers Hard can provide a marina for these towns can follow suit and give shelter and sustenance to sailors.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Accidents abroad

From Mr Colin Trigger

Sir, The Rev Dr Bray (September 21) is quite correct to emphasise the need for all holidaymakers to be adequately insured against accidents, medical expenses, etc. However, it is difficult to imagine ABTA members being able to promote the value of such insurance in stronger terms than at present.

Every major tour operator offers in his brochure an inclusive, comprehensive policy with limits thought to be more than adequate for all contingencies. In addition, every retail travel agent is trained to recommend insurance to the client and indeed is able to offer a very attractive policy created to ABTA's own specifications. I understand that the majority of holidaymakers booking package holidays through ABTA members take out comprehensive insurance of one kind or another.

Compulsory insurance is not a feasible solution, for not only do we British value the right to make certain decisions for ourselves rather than to be obligated, but it is quite conceivable that the Office of Fair Trading would object to such a practice anyway.

Whilst accidents to holidaymakers are always a matter for concern, it is reasonable to expect that individuals themselves will also take responsibility for their own safety and behaviour abroad. The responsibility for offering satisfactory insurance is, in my opinion, quite adequately discharged today by the tour operator and/or travel agent involved, but I accept that those making their own arrangements are less likely to end up with the protection they deserve.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Newspeak

From Miss Jean Crowcroft-Bull

Sir, I was somewhat surprised to read, under the headline, "A gik anser to learning English without ters" (September 26) that this linguistic development is regarded as new.

I, and no doubt many other regular and sorely tried readers, was under the impression that this form of communication had been pioneered by the staff of *The Times* with the advent of high technology production methods.

I remain, Sir, your faithful but critical reader,  
JEAN CROWCROFT-BULL,  
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# Hopes fly high as the big boys pull out

by Arthur Reed

Britain's regional airports, the traditional loss-makers of the domestic aviation business, look set for a better future as the pattern of air travel within the United Kingdom changes radically.

Two major trends are already having an impact. Deregulatory policies of this and the previous Conservative Governments have resulted in a new generation of small airlines springing up, prepared to operate commuter services to towns and cities where none existed before. These airlines are also filling the vacuum left by British Airways as it has withdrawn from unprofitable routes as part of its retrenchment programme.

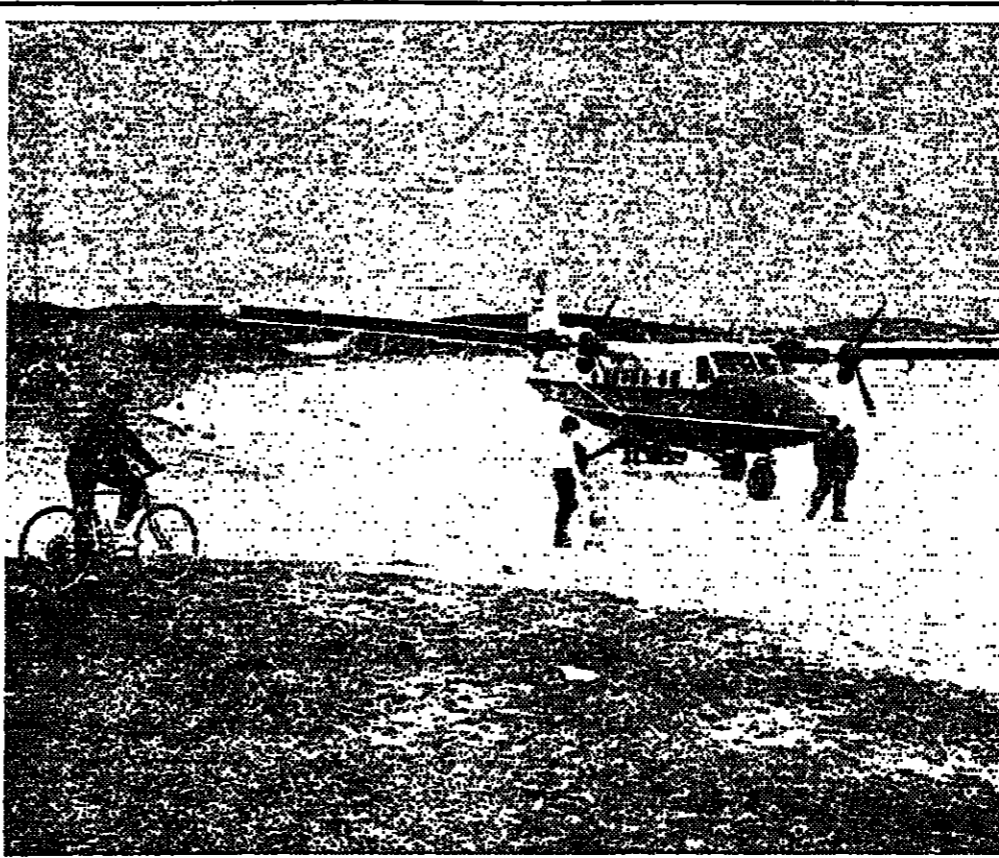
Secondly, the two main London airports, Heathrow and Gatwick, continue to move steadily towards saturation, and as the commuter airlines find it increasingly difficult to obtain take-off and landing "slots", they are inevitably looking to the regions to speed their needs.

Stansted, promoted by both Government and the British Airports Authority as the third London airport, lies virtually empty as the decision of the planning inspector who conducted the 18-month inquiry into its future is awaited. The outcome is of vital interest to the regionals, for if a decision to develop it to take up to 15m passengers a year is made, their future growth could be stunted with such a large amount of additional capacity thrown onto the national market.

But if British Airways' hopes for a fifth terminal at Heathrow are realized, with some modest increase in capacity at Stansted, the scope for growth by the regional airports during the years to the end of the century should know no bounds.

Those who run the airports in the provinces are watching two other impending decisions closely. Government plans to "privatize" the British Airports Authority, possibly selling off its seven airports - three serving London, the remainder in Scotland - could also have a serious impact on their future growth.

The Civil Aviation Authority, which at present operates a number of smaller airports in the country, while providing air traffic control and other technical services at others, is also undergoing Government scrutiny. The result of this could conceiv-



From the big city to the beach: Manchester Airport with its terminal and runway, and the more casual approach at Barra Beach Airport, in Scotland

been running the operation at Exeter for Devon County Council, lost the contract when it came up for renewal and next year British Airports International takes over.

About £3m has been spent on the airport in recent years; the runway lengthened and strengthened, a new radar system installed and passenger facilities improved. Although loan charges are high, it operates profitably and once again companies running inclusive tours on the continent are crucial to its business.

Air UK operates the important Exeter-Gatwick link and flights to the Channel Islands. Brymon operates from Exeter to the Scillies.

Mr Bill Bryce, the chairman of Brymon Airways, is one of the best-known names in the west country and is becoming increasingly well-known throughout the

## Regional airports

ably be that the CAA will tend to concentrate in future on its main roles of licensing, providing national air traffic services, and overseeing safety and technical standards, so leaving other functions to be filled at the regional airports.

Conversations with regional airport managers, however many miles away from the capital their airports may be, inevitably turn to the subject of the London airports, whose superb technical facilities, and enviable range of air services to points throughout the world act as a magnet for passengers and freight from throughout the British Isles.

Regional managers see no reason why passengers living in, say, the north of England or southern Scotland should have to fly to Heathrow or Gatwick to pick up a service to the Far East, and there is a danger that without such services departing from regional centres, that such passengers will commute to a European centre, such as Amsterdam, Zurich, or Frankfurt, to board long-haul aircraft.

### Aggressive selling is the answer

But the regions also accept that none of the big world airlines are going to begin operations from local airports unless they can be satisfied that the traffic is there, and that passengers and cargo-shippers will not be directed to airports from which it is inconvenient for them to fly.

The answer to this problem which has blighted the growth of the regional airports since the end to the Second World War may be more aggressive selling. Man-

chester International, with a new management team heavily oriented towards marketing, has been pursuing this path, and an indication of its success are regular jumbo flights of the Australian airline Qantas.

Run by two local authorities, Manchester International is the big success of the British regional airports scene, ploughing £5m profit back into the rates in the last financial year, but for many others the story is a far less happy one. According to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, only nine of the 23 local-authority run airports were in surplus in the financial year 1981-82.

Overall, the municipal airports returned a profit of £2.1m for the year, but the bulk of this was contributed by four airports, Manchester, Birmingham, East Midlands, and Luton. CIPFA's forecast for 1983-84 is for an improvement, with a total surplus of £3.8m, although it now appears that only eight of the airports will be in surplus, and with losses in the case of Liverpool, and a total surplus of nearly £3m. Apart from Sumburgh, all eight Scottish airports run largely as social services by the Civil Aviation Authority are loss-makers, and the authority, under direction from Government, is trying to sell them off to the private sector. It is a trend which has already begun, in the West Country, with Plymouth airport now owned and

operated by Brymon Airways, one of the commuter airlines which are opening up new air travel business for regional airports throughout the country.

One of the great problems which has always held back the development of airports in the British provinces has been local pride: airports are operated, often at a large cost to the local ratepayers, in areas where none could be justified, and in many cases in the geographical shadow of another vying for the same passenger and freight markets.

Questions have also been raised as to the wisdom of allowing local authorities to operate what are highly-technical businesses with large budgets, especially since these airports have to compete for a share of the rates with sewage, cemeteries, and playing fields. But although the decisions on buying new radars, or terminal and runway extensions, may be slow in coming from council committees, and although airports compete with each other each year for Government approval of major schemes, there is no evidence to suggest that safety standards are compromised.

The Civil Aviation Authority keeps a tight watch on technical standards at every airport, whether it be Manchester International, or Barra, where landings are on the beach, and there are international companies such as International Aeradio ready to provide under contract technical

services, from running fire services to managing entire airports.

In the past, it had been suggested that there should be a central body controlling the development of regional airports on a national basis, and that the British Airports Authority should take on this role. It is a suggestion which never found favour with the BAA, as that body pursued its remit from Government to be profitable. Today, free enterprise policies are beginning to dominate both the airports and airline sectors of British aviation, and this should lead, in the long term, to a leaner industry, and a better deal for the public for which it caters.

### The West

## Take-off for the holiday tours

Mr Les Wilson has been the general manager of the Bristol airport for the last three crucial years in which a loss has been turned into a healthy profit. In spite of that success he believes

there are too many UK provincial airports and fears that as competition intensifies some will go to the wall.

Ian Cran, director of the Cardiff-Wales airport does not agree. He believes that no large centre of population can be without its own airport and is convinced of the role of local authorities in providing them. He also says the modern air traveller, businessman or holidaymaker, now expects such a local service.

Both airports, together with Exeter, owe much to the increasing desire of air travellers to fly abroad without having to waste a day going to Gatwick or Heathrow. So, for them, the growth of inclusive tour holidays by operators using regional airports has been a major boon.

All three of those airports are in the hands of local authorities, but the story of Plymouth airport is also that of Bill Bryce, an airlines entrepreneur still pushing his business from strength to strength.

The Cardiff-Wales airport has been owned and operated since 1974 by the three county councils of Glamorgan - mid, south and west. It is officially designated as the regional airport of South Wales and the South West.

In 1981-82 the councils were each called to contribute about £400,000 to the airport, but the figure is declining and the airport recovers about 90 per cent of its revenue costs.

The charter tour business is the airport's bread and butter and 85 per cent of the 400,000 passengers using Cardiff this year were on tours. Even so, scheduled services are substantial (Dan Air is the major carrier). The airport is particularly pleased about its link with Schiphol (Amsterdam) for world-wide connections and now also boasts a Toronto service.

Ian Cran said: "I am very confident about the future. People are fed up having to go through Gatwick or Heathrow. They want to fly from their local airport".

Bristol airport, operated by Bristol City Council, has turned a £12,000 loss in 1980-81 into a £200,000 profit in 1982-83. The annual turnover is about £6m.

Mr Wilson, the manager, is in no doubt that the charter tour business has been a major success. Two-thirds of last year's total of 303,000 passengers were "tour" customers; the remaining one-third on scheduled service, mainly domestic.

He believes the airport is vital for a major industrial and commercial centre such as Bristol in spite of exceptional road rail connections with London. Now he is planning keenly for the future.

"Our objective is to be the number one airport of the south west and we will be pressing the Government for regional status. That would help us to put up development plans, get planning permission and raise finance if we wanted to develop further," he said.

In the meantime the airport has announced a new scheduled service to Gatwick, starting in October. It makes Bristol the twenty-second British airport to link into Gatwick.

Exeter Airport Ltd., which has

### Plymouth is a success story

country. His is not the first company to try their hand at Plymouth airport. Others have failed over the years but by constant improvements to the facilities, a keen eye for worthwhile routes and sheer persistence Mr Bryce has built a success story.

His airline became the tenant of Plymouth airport in 1974 and in 1980 purchased it on a 125 year lease from the City council. Mr Bryce called it "controlling our own destiny", but the takeover meant Brymon was the only airline in the country to own and operate its own airport. It also operates the civil airport at Newquay (alongside RAF St Mawgan) for Restormel council.

In 1972, the airline carried a mere 2,500 passengers. This year it expects the figure to be about 250,000 - about 150,000 of them on its scheduled services to the Scillies, Channel Islands, Gatwick and Heathrow, Birmingham, Cork and Brittany. The remainder are carried on a contract with the Chevron Oil company linking Aberdeen with Unst, Britain's most northerly airport.

The airline uses two DHC Dash 7s for the Chevron contract and one more in Plymouth. The quiet aircraft with its STOL (short take off and landing) ability has been important to Brymon and earlier this year the company landed one in the heart of London's dockland, within sight of the City.

British Airways has operated a successful helicopter service from

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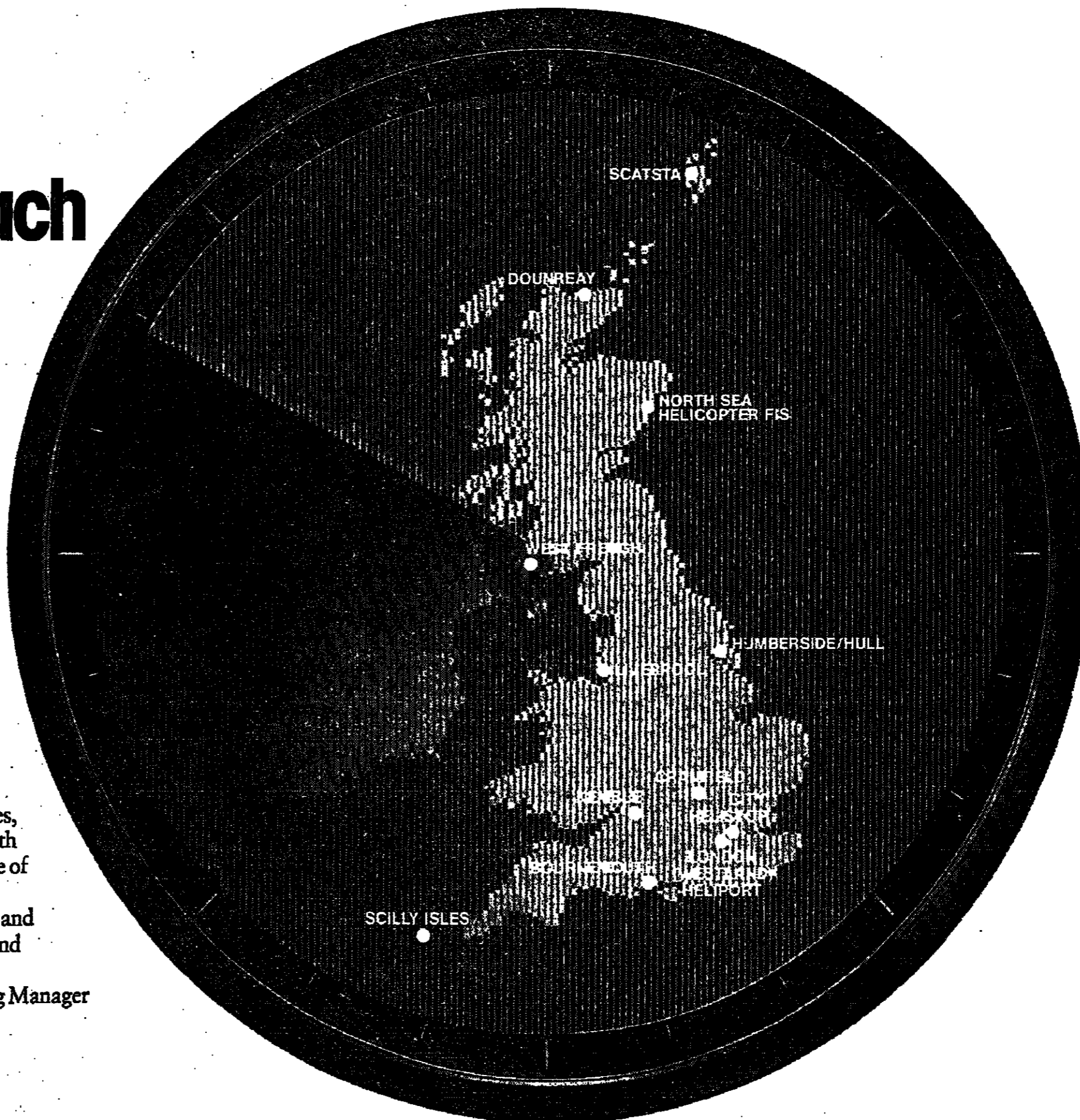
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REGIONAL AIRPORTS

# The North: ambitious plans, despite the 'honeypot' of the South

Designated in the 1978 White Paper on policy as an international gateway airport, Manchester International has wasted no time in setting out to live up to that accolade, and has emerged as the undoubted leader in the northern region of the country.

The region as a whole is well-served by local airports, with some of them too close together to make true economic sense. It was a problem that was identified by the 1978 White Paper as having particular relevance to Manchester and Liverpool, and to Newcastle and Teesside.

These businesses emerge from the recession. The area as a whole is far enough away from the London air travel "honeypot" to have an aviation life of its own, although high-speed train services, the motorway network, and the recently-improved British Airways shuttle to Manchester, with the promise of modern airliners such as the Boeing 757 replacing obsolete Tridents, makes it increasingly easy for passengers to use the services of the airports in the south.

Blackpool will have a 25 per cent increase in passenger traffic to 72,000, but will still incur a deficit of £389,000, while Carlisle, by far the smallest municipal airport in the region, will deal with just 3,000 passengers, and will lose £112,000. In Belfast, an interesting recent development has been the opening up to commercial services by Short Brothers, the aerospace manufacturing company, of their own harbour airport in competition with the main international airport further from the centre of the city.

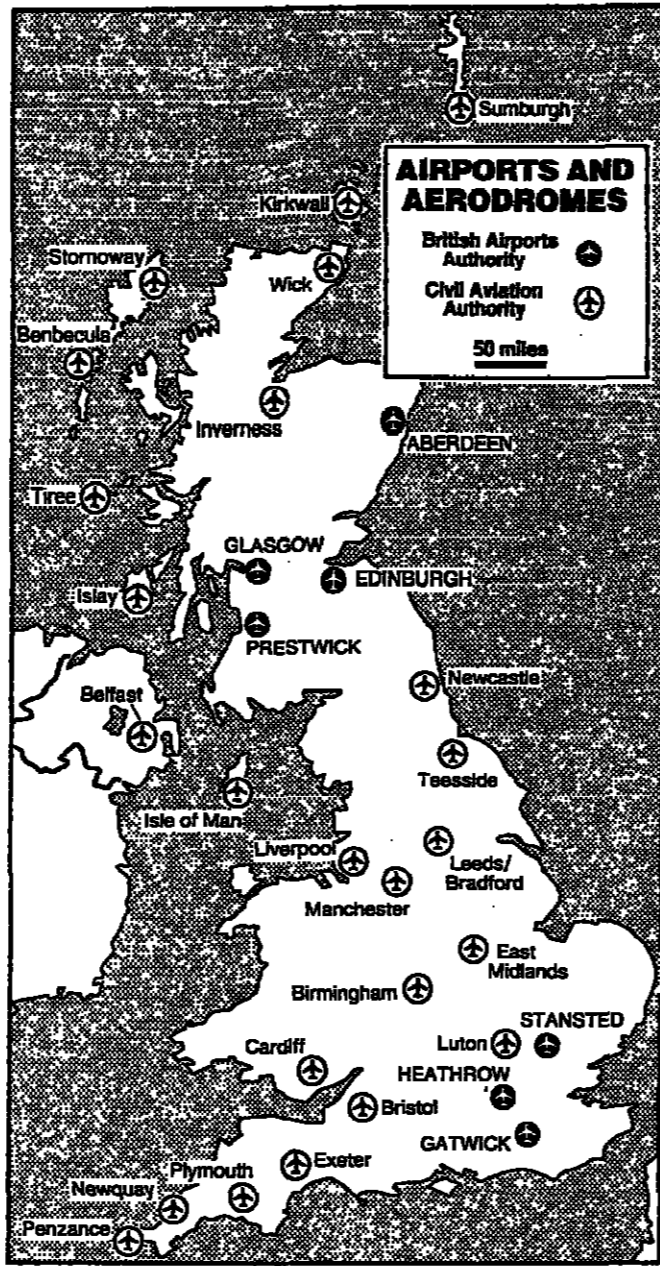
### Big expansion plans going ahead

Almost without exception, the airports of the northern region have ambitious expansion plans. Humberside's opportunities were greatly enhanced with the opening in 1981 of the Humber bridge; this doubled overnight the airport's catchment area. CIPFA estimates that in 1983-84 the number of passengers using the airport will increase by 4.5 per cent over the previous year, although still only reaching 70,000, and that it will have a deficit of £468,000.

Leeds/Bradford. CIPFA forecasts, with 426,000 passengers, an increase of 2.4 per cent, return a loss of £100,000. This would be a surprising decline from the £1,049,000 operating surplus achieved in 1982-83 for the three authorities who operate it - West Yorkshire County Council, Leeds City Council and Bradford City Council. As part of a big expansion programme, the main runway is being lengthened to 2,250 metres, lighting and navigational aids are being improved, and the first phase of extending the terminal building will be completed by the end of 1984.

Manchester, which is controlled by an airport authority committee of 20, split equally between the two owning local authorities, the City Council, and the Greater Manchester Council, with Mr Gil Thompson, as its chief executive, is investing £100m in a development programme to accommodate an estimated 12 million passengers a year in the 1990s. A big item within this massive total has been the £22m cost of rebuilding and extending the runway to 10,000ft, and the installation of what the airport claims to be the most-advanced runway lighting system in the world. The work was carried out over 18 months, largely at night, while flight operations continued. The runway is also fitted with a blind landing system up to category 3B standard, enabling operations in the foggiest weather.

Other large projects which have either been begun, or are planned, include extensions to the passenger terminal, enlargement of the tax-free and duty-free areas, extension of the aircraft parking area, a second terminal, and a loop into the airport from the inter-city railway line. The present passenger terminal has a capacity of 6.5 million passengers

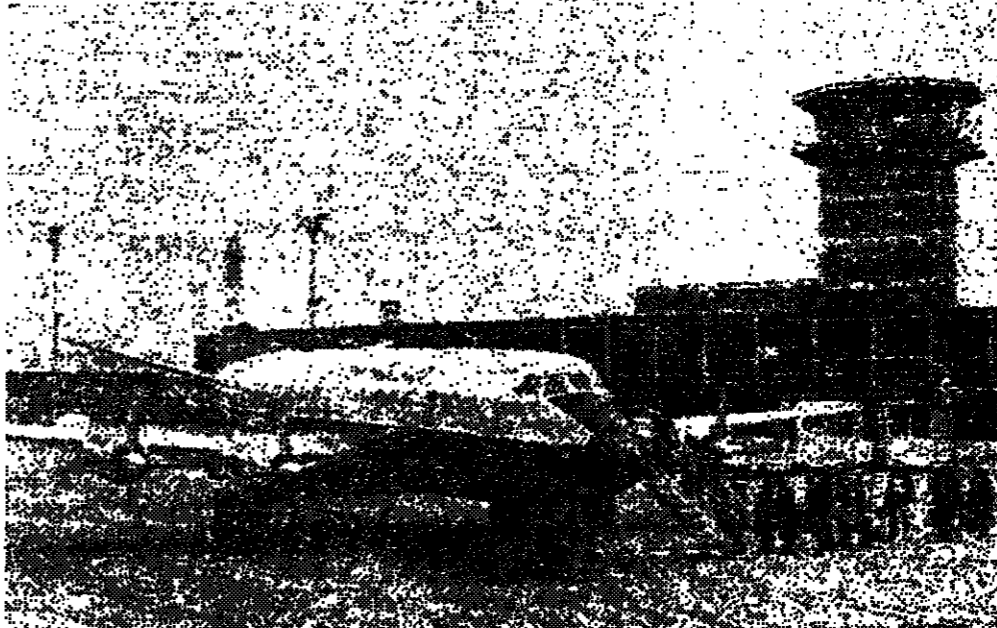


### OPERATIONAL COMPARISONS OF UK AIRPORTS

All Local Authority Airports with estimated operating income over £2 million in 1982/83

	Total Passengers (incl. Transit)	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Surplus as a proportion of income	Passengers per £100 of Expenditure
Manchester	5,007	32,375	46,371	13,996	30.2
Luton	1,930	12,128	14,662	2,534	17.3
Birmingham	1,540	8,880	11,559	2,679	24.9
Newcastle	1,055	5,528	7,714	2,186	28.3
East Midlands	782	5,145	6,974	1,829	26.2
Leeds/Bradford	400	1,815	2,592	777	30.0
Bristol	345	2,615	2,986	371	12.7
Cardiff	330	3,411	2,815	-596	-21.2
Liverpool	314	5,038	3,229	-1,809	-56.0
Teesside	291	2,639	2,341	-298	-12.7
Average					21.6

Source: CIPFA Financial Statistics - Local Authority Airports 1982/83 Estimates.



Leeds/Bradford airport at Yeaman: the main runway is being lengthened and the terminal building extension will be completed by the end of 1984

## Luton, flying into profit

The airports of the Midlands and East Anglia continue to have a lively existence of their own, in spite of the development in recent years of greatly-improved surface links between the communities which they serve and the main London airports.

Luton is the biggest of the group, handling about 1.8m passengers a year, the vast majority of them on package holiday flights to the beaches of the Mediterranean, or winter sports slopes. Run by the Luton Borough Council, it is into the second phase of a £10m development plan largely concentrated on the terminal buildings. An air-conditioned departure lounge, part of a new arrivals hall, a covered arrivals area, and offices for customs and excise, immigration, and health staff have already been handed over by the builders as part of phase two.

According to forecasts by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Luton airport will make a profit of around £1m during the 1983-84 financial year, although as its fortunes are so closely tied up with those of the travel trade, which, in turn, can be seriously affected by recessionary forces, the outcome will remain in doubt until the last minute.

### First European Boeing 767 base

The airport will become, early in 1984, the base for the first European Boeing 767 wide-bodied airliners, Britannia Airways, the biggest British package-holiday airline, having chosen this type to augment its 737s.

Monarch, another British independent airline specializing in the "bucket-and-spade" business, introduced the other new Boeing type, the 757, to Luton several months ago. But although its speciality is package holiday flights, Luton is also an important centre for business aviation, with McAlpine basing its fleet of over 20 British Aerospace 125 jets and other executive types there.

The M1 motorway which opens up Luton to the massive catchment areas of London and the Midlands also runs close to East Midlands, at Castle Donington, near Derby, an airport which handled around 900,000 passengers during the 1982-83 financial year and which, according to CIPFA forecasts, could approach the 1m mark during 1983-84. Like Luton, it is profitable, with a forecast surplus of £1.3m in the current financial year. Both scheduled and non-scheduled services operate from it.

The 1978 airports White Paper made the point that East Midlands, although further from the main centre of population in the Midlands than Birmingham, is well-sited in relation to the motorway network, and has an important industrial and commercial catchment area of its own. The airport inevitably view with Birmingham, and two advantages which it has over its neighbour are that it lends itself more readily to expansion, while fewer people in the surrounding area are affected by aircraft noise.

Birmingham, municipally-owned like East Midlands, boasts a much wider network of scheduled services, and is likely to

increase the number of passengers handled to 1.7m in 1983-84, compared with 1.6m last year. CIPFA estimates that it will return a profit of about £265,000 this year.

The airport suffers from the drawbacks of a restricted site, and has traditionally been the target for environmental protests from residents of the built-up areas to its north and west. On the other hand, it is superbly sited to serve the important concentration of industry and commerce in the West Midlands, which demands business connections with other parts of Britain and Europe, and to serve the holiday pursuits of one of the country's main concentrations of population. It is also in the centre of a web of motorways and main railway lines, and is close by the national exhibition centre.

The West Midlands County Council, its present owner, is seeking to break free of the restrictions of the airport site by developing an ambitious new terminal and associated works, including a driverless train system to link it to the exhibition centre and Birmingham international station. The train system chosen is MAGLEV, which uses a frictionless magnetic suspension instead of conventional wheels, and is driven along a guideway track elevated over roads and car parks by a linear induction motor.

Construction of the new terminal building began in 1981, and its design is planned to handle up to 3m passengers and 33,000 aircraft movements by 1990. One great advantage which it offers passengers compared with the original building, where they have to walk across the apron in all weathers to reach their aircraft, is a series of telescopic covered train system which will link directly with the aircraft doors.

West Midlands CC expects the new development to create up to 2,500 new jobs by the late 1980s, to attract more commerce and industry to the area, and to extend the list of destinations. At present, some 30 are served by scheduled flights and 40 by charters. One interesting recent development is the start of operations by

Birmingham Executive Airways, flying Jetstream 31 turbo-props on business routes into Europe dropped by British Airways during its recent severe retrenchment.

Norwich, jointly owned by the city council and the Norfolk County Council, is gaining traffic slowly as commuter services develop, and it becomes an increasingly important jumping-off point for Schiphol airport, Amsterdam, which promotes itself as "the third London airport". Air UK is a big operator through the airport, and has one of the biggest overhaul bases for Fokker aircraft there outside Holland. The airport handled some 172,000 passengers in 1982-83 and is forecast to increase this by five per cent to 180,000 during

the current financial year. According to CIPFA estimates, it will make a marginal surplus this year.

Southend, owned by the local borough council, has traditionally specialized in cross-Channel links, and is expected to handle 107,000 passengers this year, seven per cent up on 1982-83. CIPFA forecasts that it will lose £460,000 during the current year.

Like all the airports in the region, it lies under the shadow of Stansted. A decision to proceed with the development of that airport to take 15m passengers a year, as is wanted by the British Airports Authority, would have a significant impact on their future, and would inevitably inhibit their long-term growth prospects.

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**A boom for tours**  
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Penzance to the Scillies for many years and, in spite of this summer's Sikorsky crash, has provided a vital link between islands and mainland.

However, all is not well. A Department of Trade grant totalling £100,000 which was intended to keep the Scillies airport on St Mary's open for three years is almost gone. Mr Billy Mumford, the chairman of the island's council, has warned that about £125,000 a year is needed and negotiations are being conducted with the department to keep the airport open as a "social service" for the islanders.

"If it closes," said Mr Mumford, "we would probably lose 50 per cent of our tourist trade and that would destroy the island's economy."

Guernsey subsidizes its airport without qualms. It handles 500,000 passengers a year and is far too important for the island's economy for its future ever to be in doubt, but the authorities there must look with considerable envy at Jersey where the airport handles an astonishing 1.45m passengers a year and produces a profit of over £300,000.

The airport was one of Jersey's undertakings which, in 1971, was designated to become a self-sufficient trading area. Costs and efficiency are constantly examined.

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# Scotland:

## Oil has put Aberdeen's heliport among the world's busiest, busier even than Houston

The oil industry has transformed airports in northern Scotland. Aberdeen, which was transferred to the British Airports Authority in 1975 on the threshold of the North Sea boom, underwent a multi-million pound expansion. A new terminal capable of handling more than one million passengers a year was completed and the old terminal adapted to handle British Caledonian helicopters and North Scottish helicopters. With the existing British Airways and British operations, the Aberdeen heliport now ranks among the busiest in the world, busier even than Houston, Texas.

Last year, the number of helicopter passengers increased by 40 per cent - more than twice the number of three years ago. Overall, Aberdeen handled a 7 per cent increase in passengers and made a trading profit of £591,000.

Oil and related industry has also been behind the growth of international traffic into Aberdeen in addition to the healthy level of domestic flights. Even though the oil industry has moved from busy development into the steady production phase, air traffic is likely to remain heavy into the next century.

Against that dramatic success story must be set the sad miscalculations at Sumburgh in the Shetlands where the Civil Aviation Authority invested £30m in a new terminal to handle business at the beginning of the oil boom.

Sumburgh is no longer thronged with technicians and roustabouts transferring from fixed-wing aircraft to helicopter on their way to the oilfields in the East Shetland basin. Its business died with the introduction of more powerful helicopters able to fly from Aberdeen directly to the oil platforms and with the emergence of Scatsta airport near Sullom Voe in north Shetland as a centre for fixed-wing traffic.

Operators complained about the high landing charges Sumburgh levied to help pay for the new terminal. The figures of Sumburgh's decline make gloomy reading. The number of fixed-wing public aircraft using Sumburgh in June was nearly 50 per cent down from the previous year and helicopter traffic showed a similar contraction. Staff at the terminal have been reduced in numbers and all operations concentrated on the Wils Ness terminal, which is still far too large for the traffic.

### Unlikely to mothball the terminal

It is unlikely however that the CAA will cut its losses and mothball the splendid modern terminal. If it did so a £10.8m loan from the European Investment Bank would become immediately repayable. The CAA accounts for last year showed that income and profit fell by almost 20% at Sumburgh and the expectation for a heavy deficit.

The CAA has the most difficult job among the Scottish airport authorities since none of its eight airports, with the exception of Sumburgh, was in profit last year although in June the passenger returns showed a 7 per cent increase. Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands had a 26 per cent increase but there is concern in the Highlands about possible privatization of CAA airports.

In central Scotland there is a superabundance of excellent airports, notably Glasgow and Edinburgh for European and domestic traffic and Prestwick for long-haul jets, principally to and from North America.

The British Airports Authority is determined to protect Prestwick's transatlantic flights, despite the objections in Edinburgh and Glasgow that more routes be opened to those cities. Last year Edinburgh handled 1.2 million passengers, a quarter million fewer than the airport was designed for, giving its boosters another argument why more overseas flights should land there. Overseas visitors to the Edinburgh Festival consider it odd to land at Prestwick on the west coast of Scotland and travel by coach or train for more than an hour, passing two perfectly equipped international airports en route.

A BAA spokesman admitted that in a perfect world that Scotland would probably be best served by a central international

airport but the fact was that the social repercussions of Prestwick closing down were unthinkable and the waste of a major facility not economically acceptable. A number of initiatives were being taken to promote Prestwick as the main Scottish international airport and there is a heavy subsidy for feeder air services to Aberdeen and Belfast.

"Edinburgh and Glasgow were both developed separately and we have to make the best of what we have got," the BAA says. There was little sense in building a central Scottish airport now and duplicating facilities less than one hour apart at a cost of £50m. Apart from that, the landscape did not favour such a development. Much of the windswept high ground separating the two cities often has its head in the clouds. Instead, the BAA will continue to develop Prestwick cargo and passenger traffic.

Ronald Faux

# Islands:

## Going by air is a way of life

In the Orkneys people board an aircraft with less concern than they would climb into a car. Along the broad spread of lands the air link centred on Kirkwall and operated by Loganair acts as a lifeline, a constant reassurance and a convenient transport that reduces a sea voyage of several hours to a flight lasting a few minutes.

The Orkneys are perfect for such an operation, a fact that is immediately apparent as the twin-engine islander aircraft lifts its nose from the runway at Kirkwall and presents a panorama of the small islands to the north. They are largely flat, intensively farmed with fields that overlap their edges. The sea lanes dividing them are often wide and marked with the white froth of tide rips or submerged rocks. They are scattered so that the air routes to them run like the spokes of a bicycle wheel from the hub of Kirkwall.

The islands of Westray and Papa Westray are so close together that the flight between them is shorter than the length of Heathrow's longest runway - it is claimed as the shortest scheduled flight in the world. The airport on the island of Eday, near the Bay of London, is on a narrow grass strip grazed by sheep.

The island aircraft hop low from island to island, slipping over the rooftops of the quiet, isolated communities to land on fields from which grazing animals have been temporarily cleared. An airport has a windsock shelter, fire appliance and white stones marking the runways to comply with licence regulations. One small Scottish airport rebelled at the cost of a conventional fire appliance and so manufactured one themselves. Someone said it looked like the dog in Dr Who and so the symbol K9 was painted on its side. The department inspector solemnly wrote "K9" in his book and the apparatus has served loyally ever since.

### A welcome from the islanders

In the Orkneys crofters and doctors, peripatetic teachers and midwives, stretcher cases and civil servants, bird watchers and veterinary surgeons and a host of others who are part of the quiet world of the islands all travel by air. Last year Loganair carried 17,000 people in the Orkneys alone. The service ensures a quick delivery of mail and a same-day delivery of cases to hospital.

A similar service operates in Shetland linking Tingwall with the largest outer islands. Other islands are served by charter flights paid for by the Shetland Islands Council including most of the Out Skerries where the

Loganair aircraft is welcomed by the 50 inhabitants who are saved an uncomfortable three-hour voyage by fishing boat or indirect ferry into Lerwick. In the Out Skerries the aircraft is also pressed on the short steep-sloped landing strip by screaming indignation from a thousand or more Arctic terns.

The air service in Shetland is less viable since the Shetland Islands Council developed a roll-on, roll-off ferry service as a road bridge between the mainland and the islands of Yell, Unst, Fetlar and Whalsay. Air travel saves time but is more expensive than the ferry, even though the Loganair operation in Shetland is underpinned by a council contract to provide pollution surveillance flights over the sea approaches to the Sullom Voe oil terminal.

Many oil industry related flights are centred on Scatsta near the oil terminal and with a lot of general traffic clearing to go by road and ferry there is less chance for the inter-island service to break even. Even so the company's daily flight by Twin Otter from Tingwall to Edinburgh is extremely popular.

In the Western Isles, Loganair maintains a daily air link between Stornoway, Benbecula, and when the tide permits Barra on the southern tip of the island. The



Walking casually to a plane at Wick: there were more than 6,000 flights in and out during 1982/3

flight down the eastern coasts ranks surely as one of the most spectacular in Britain over the deeply seaworn shore and small outcropping islands.

At Barra the aircraft dips its wings towards the Cockle Strand, a stretch of flawless beach. The air

traffic controller there is supposed to tell pilots: "You can come down now, the water is only half way up the gulls' legs," but such unscientific measurement of tidal conditions is firmly denied by the pilots who touch down on the beach in a cloud of salt spray.

Four West Coast airports are operated by the Civil Aviation Authority. Stornoway, Benbecula, Tiree and Islay all showed a downward trend in activity last year because of the recession.

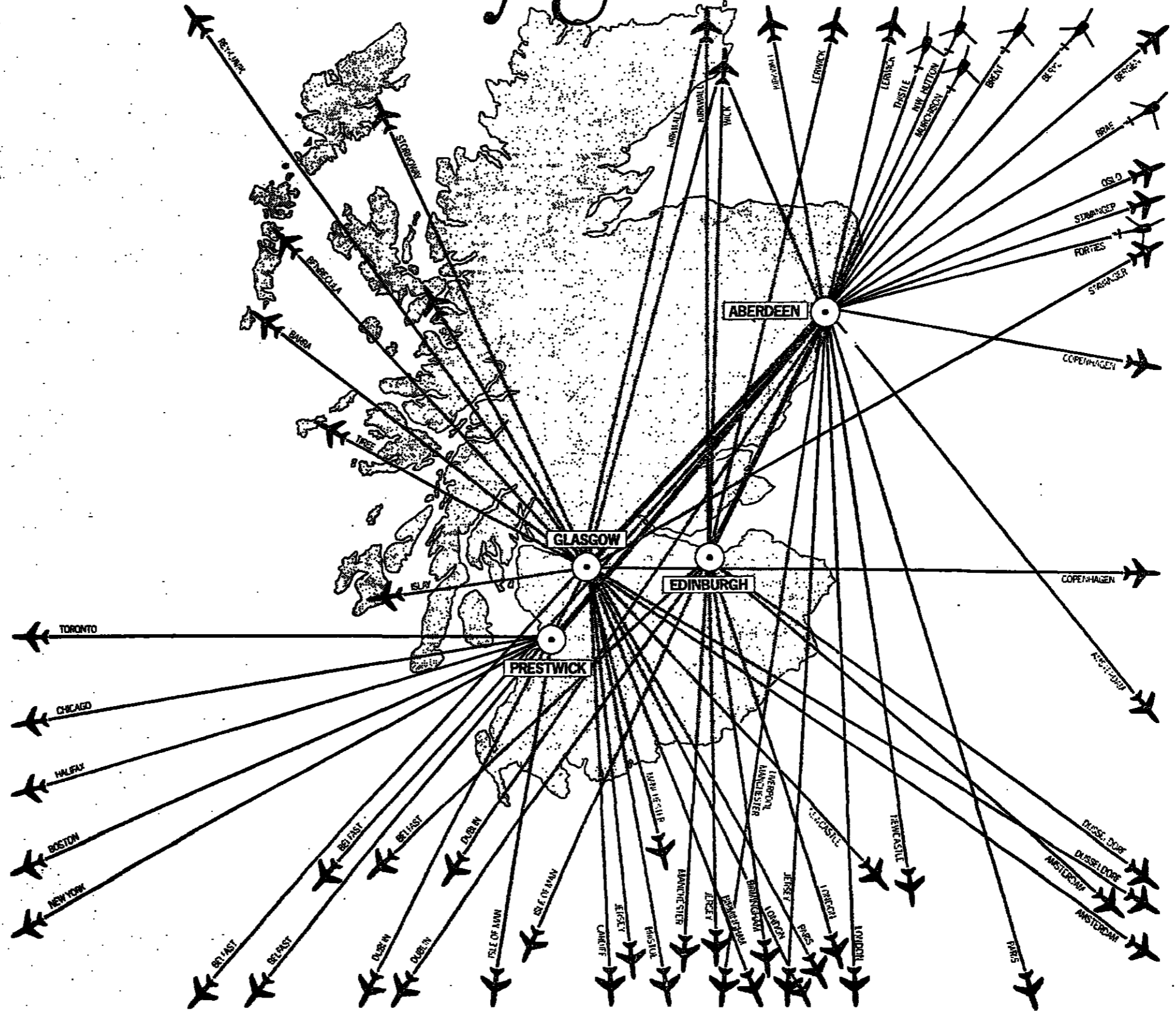
Even so they are an important part of island life. It is the greatest

comfort for islanders to know that in an emergency they could be in a hospital bed sometimes faster than they could be on the mainland. The Air Ambulance service has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in Scotland during which time 20,000 casu-

alties have been flown to treatment. It is a sign of the increased use of the service and range of the aircraft that 10,000 of those casualties have been carried in the last ten years.

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Spanish insolvency hits shares

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Sept 19, Dealings end, Sept 30, Contango Day, Oct 3, Settlement Day, Oct 10.

The smell of burnt fingers wafted around the market yesterday sending share prices reeling. A Panamanian subsidiary of the Spanish banking group C & R Pastor has become involved and is unlikely to be able to meet its commitments after massive over dealing of shares on the London stock market.

The debts could be as high as \$55m (£33.4m) and may have serious repercussions for London firms who handled Pastor's business in London. Pastor's Panamanian subsidiary specialized in arbitrage business and having found itself sitting on large losses dealt 'cash and new' carrying over its losses into the next account. Unfortunately the market continuing to drift ahead of the BP sale the losses merely grew.

The FT Index reflected the market's fall around the market closing 8.5 down at 694.0. Blue chips were worst affected with Distillers falling 4p to 21p. GKN 3p to 166p, BTR 5p to 54p, Glaxo 10p to 780p, Grand Metropolitan 7p to 320p and Lucas Industries 3p to 150p. Bowater was also a weak market, first rising on rights issue fears but later recovered to close only 3p down at 198p after 194p.

Shares of BP settled down to a more leisurely pace following Monday's successful Government sell-off. The partly paid added 2p to 208p after 210p, with the old also 2p dearer at 238p, after 240p. More than 35 million of the 130 million new shares have now changed hands in the first two days of trading.

News that the Hongkong Government was being forced to rescue one of the colony's local banks continued to unnerve the financial markets out in the Far East. A statement said the government will take over the business of Hang Lung Standard Chartered last night confirmed it acted as a clearer for Hang Lung but said its commitments would be taken up in full by the Hongkong Government. Nevertheless, Standard still fell 15p to 422p.

Hongkong companies with London quotes also lost ground. Cheung Kong fell 2p to 53p, after 57p. Hutchison Whampoa 1p to 84p, after 87p and Jardine Matheson 3p to 82p, after 85p. The colony's financial community had been hopeful that the government would step in and support the HK dollar which has fallen to its lowest ever level against the US dollar.

A consortium headed by N. G. Shipping and Michael Davies has increased its holding in Milford Docks. It has bought an extra 312,000 and now owns a total of 778,000 ordinary shares or 24.95 per cent of the total. The consortium has also obtained the option to buy an extra 153,000 shares.

Shares of the Moorside Trust rose 4p to a new high of 98p following an announcement from the board it had received an approach which might lead to an offer being made to the company. At present leading shareholders include Sun Life Assurance with 14.8 per cent of the share, Commercial Union with 8.1 per cent and London & Manchester Assurance with 5.5 per cent. The board says it will keep shareholders informed.

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David Hargreaves, Chairman of Hestair, slammed as 'total rubbish' reports that he was unhappy with the Duplex takeover and that the company would take three years to bring into profit. Intending to issue a formal statement later today, Mr Hargreaves added: 'We are rather pleased with Duplex.'

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New chief for Union Discount

The Union Discount Company of London: Mr Roderick Balfour will be an executive director from next Monday. At the same time, he will resign his directorship of Jessel, Toyne & Gillett.

Chase Manhattan Limited: Mr George Clark is to head the Eurobond trading activities. Bank of London & South America (BOLSA) a subsidiary of Lloyds Bank International: Mr J W S Cook has joined the board on taking up his appointment as chief manager in Spain. He was previously principal manager, Lloyds Bank International, The Netherlands. Mr J A Field has been made executive vice-president, branch banking, Lloyds Bank California. On taking up his appointment he has resigned from the board of BOLSA. He was previously BOLSA's chief manager in Spain.

Flight Refuelling (Holdings): Mr Geoffrey Longbottom has become a director.

Clydesdale Bank: The bank which is a member of the Midland Bank Group, will make the following changes from the end of this week. Mr Robert Cruickshank, manager at Victoria office, will succeed Mr Ian Wallace as manager at Piccadilly Circus. Mr Wallace retires. To succeed Mr Cruickshank, Mr John Queen, senior assistant manager, chief London office, 20 Lombard Street, will take over as manager, Victoria office. Mr Robert Reid, manager, Peterhead branch will succeed Mr Queen as senior assistant manager, chief London office.

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Triple jump for NEI foreign orders

Northern Engineering Industries Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £20.1m (£18m) Stated earnings 5.53p (5.21p) Turnover £41.3m (£40.5m) Net interim dividend 1.65p (1.5p) Share price 91 1/2 down 4 1/2 Dividend payable 28.11.83

With poor prospects for recovery at home, Northern Engineering Industries has channelled its energies into winning orders overseas. In the half year to June 30, overseas orders have tripled and account for 60 per cent of the total group orderbook of £1.5bn, against 22 per cent a year ago.

The increase in the overseas operations has helped stave off the effects of the prolonged recession at home which still shows no signs of ending. The improvement overseas is reflected in the interim figures which show a 12 per cent increase in pretax profits to £20.1m, compared with the same stage last year. This was achieved on turnover 2 per cent higher at £41.3m.

Efforts to improve productivity continue, with a 10 per cent improvement during the six months and further benefits likely from rationalization of the group's businesses. Overseas Britain and 1,000 overseas is almost constant. This leaves the group with 32,000 employees worldwide.

NEI benefited from the continuing strong workload from its contracts for nuclear power stations at Heysham II and Torness. This work will continue for another three years at least. In the meantime, NEI is hoping to conclude a deal with Babcock International and GEC to ensure that as much work as possible for PWR nuclear stations stays with British companies.

A proposal has been submitted to the Government which could lead to the joint development of generating equipment by these companies and a decision is expected shortly.

Overseas, NEI Africa performed strongly to increase its profits at the halfway stage. Exel is on target with its new range of telecommunications equipment in the US, but the rest of NEI's North American businesses still face difficult economic conditions, including the effect of adverse exchange rates on their exports.

Despite the growth overseas, NEI looks unlikely to meet market expectations of £40m pretax profit for the year, although the group should be capable of about £42m to £44m. This slight downturn in prospects helped knock the shares by 4 1/2 to close at 91 1/2.

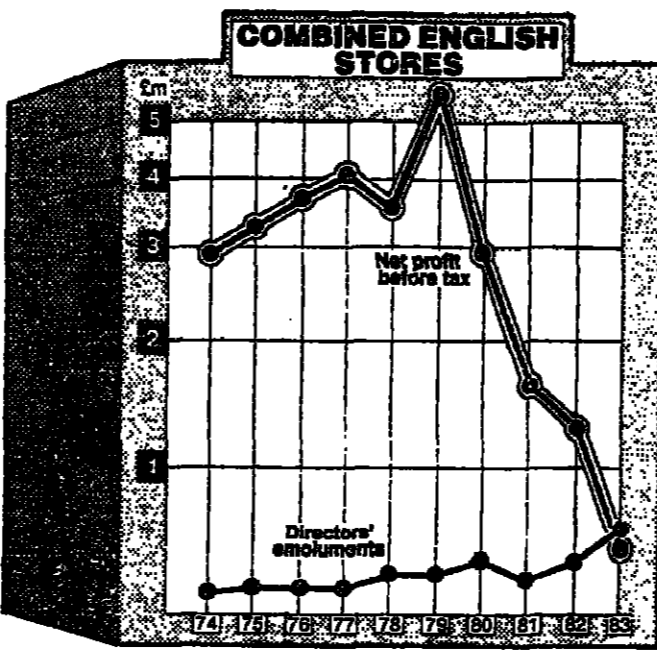
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interested in the group's stores after it failed to buy the Richard Shops and John Collier chains. But Mr Gordon says that there have been no approaches.

ICCH

These are happy days for the International Commodities Clearing House. The organization which clears and guarantees contracts on all London's commodity markets - except the prickly independent London Metal Exchange - and on several foreign markets will process £100,000m worth of business this year, and is now encouraging new contracts.

A study launched yesterday and instigated by the ICCH lists beef, pork, apples, timber, plywood and eggs as "likely" new contracts. The criteria for assessing the chances of these commodities exclude consideration of speculative interest. The splendid isolation of the LME ruled out consideration of metals, and financial instruments such as stock index contracts are the preserve of the London International Financial Futures Exchange.

Today, however, the Grain and Feed Trades Association - an organization which has unexpectedly found itself blinking in the limelight - will decide on the date on which to launch a new pork contract.

The contract of 50 chilled carcasses a lot will probably start in March or April next year. Apples could follow - the humble Golden Delicious being the standard - and the ICCH is seeking to tie up business between the potato markets in London and Amsterdam and the new one due to open in Lille in April, 1984.

US operations lift Brent Chemicals

By Andrew Cornelius

Brent Chemicals, the specialist company which supplies the automotive, food, brewing and aerospace industries, yesterday reported a 17 per cent increase in profits to £1.9m for the half-year to June 30, compared with the same period last year.

Sales over the period were up by 7 per cent to £27.7m and the board is recommending a same-again interim dividend of 0.6p.

Much of the improvement in profits came from a turnaround in Brent Chemicals Corporation in the US. Losses of £200,000 at the same stage last year have been turned into a modest trading profit at Brent and further progress is expected in the second half of the year.

There will be a further benefit from the closure of the Pascoal distribution business in France which was charged as an extraordinary item of £290,000 in the figures.

The merger of the Reddish Savilles businesses has also been completed with the costs of the merger fully written off last year. The board has indicated that it is actively seeking to expand.

WALL STREET

Table of Wall Street stock prices including companies like AMT Inc, Ford, and various international firms with their respective share prices and changes.

Canadian Prices

Table of Canadian stock prices for companies like Alcan, Alcan Alumin, and others.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Table of company news in brief listing various companies like Broken Hill Proprietary, Jenks and Cartell, Biddle Holdings, etc., with their financial performance.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various metals and goods, including London commodity prices, metal exchange, and gold futures market.

Mountleigh Group plc advertisement highlighting 'ASSETS PER SHARE DOUBLED TO 338p' and listing financial results for 1983 and 1982.

Extracts from Chairman's Statement for Mountleigh Group plc, including rental income up from £419,000 to £1,100,000 and shareholdings up by £10,000,000.

Business Class to Athens is a big seat advertisement for Olympic Airways, featuring an image of an airplane and text describing the service.

Dowding & Mills advertisement showing 'Results year ended 30th June 1983' with sales of 18,104,482 and profit before tax of 1,948,420.

Base Lending Rates advertisement listing rates for various banks including ABN Bank, Barclays, and Citibank.

Dowding & Mills advertisement featuring an image of a person working on a car wheel and text about electrical and mechanical repair services.

PRIME NEW YORK CITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY advertisement for a 162,000 square foot building in Manhattan.

INVEST IN AMERICAN CITIES advertisement for a Zurich Convention Center, highlighting investment opportunities in the US.

COMBINED ENGLISH STORES GROUP PLC advertisement featuring the slogan 'A substantial recovery' and a detailed Interim Report table showing sales of 54,766 and profit of 1,259.



YACHTING

Lexcen unveils secrets of that superior keel

From Barry Pickthall, Newport, Rhode Island
The Australian victory in the seventh and final deciding race for the America's Cup against the American...



The jubilant team in Australia II accept the applause as mould-breaking heroes.

RUGBY UNION Injury likely to rule out Irvine

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent
The Barbarians have included Andy Irvine in a strong Scottish contingent for their game against Newport at Rodney Parade next Tuesday...



Irvine: tore a thigh muscle in last game.

ATHLETICS

'Horror show' of drugs

New York (AP) - The image of the all-American sports hero is being blurred by the frequent disclosure of drug and alcohol abuse among a number of the nation's top professional athletes.

BOXING

The eyes have it: Charlie Magri concentrates on the photographer at the weigh-in for last night's defence of his world flyweight title...



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SNOOKER

Rival creeps up on pool

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association intends to run a 23-man major tournament in Los Angeles next June. The game is hardly known in the United States...

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Giants 27, Green Bay Packers 3
BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 7, New York Yankees 6...

Bond, a man of his word

On a spring morning in 1970 at a ship building yard in Mamaroneck, New York, Alan Bond, of Australia, and the crew from his yacht...

Strong reaction to runners from S Africa

By Pat Butcher
The International Amateur Athletic Federation tried to clarify their position yesterday on the South African runners whose participation in the London to Brighton race on Sunday has provoked a strong reaction from the anti-apartheid movement...

A large financial table with multiple columns and rows, containing data for various funds, trusts, and insurance units. The table is organized into sections like 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds' and 'Authorized Unit Trusts'.

TENNIS Treading the road to Telford from Wimbledon

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent Christopher Mottram and Colin Dowdeswell, who were born in the same Wimbledon mining home in 1955...

A touch of Irish in a game so eccentrically English

Bicycle polo was once an Olympic sport, so let us have no unseemly mockery of the nine teams who recently trekked across England to thrash...

Acceleration

The BPA secretary, Tony Knight, remembers playing his first game on an errand boy's bike with brackets on the front but a proper...

GOLF Chance for vengeance

Sandy Lyle who has been beaten twice in finals in the past three years, gets a chance of revenge in the £150,000 World Match-play...

Technique

But experience and technique count in this game, a strange sport that demands strange skills. "I'm a newcomer," said Clem Cowling...

Award for Decker

The American middle distance runner, Mary Decker was named amateur Sportsman of the Year and Martina Navratilova...

RACKETS

Prenn to defend his world title against an irrepressible rival

John Prenn, aged 30, who defeated William Surtess in December 1981 to win the world rackets...



Concentration: John Prenn perfectly poised for a backhand.

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Final first-class averages for the 1983 cricket season

Imran stirs memories of the days of Grace

In 1982 Imran Khan's performances for Pakistan against England established him among the game's leading all-rounders...

of Yorkshire and England, took 29 wickets at 7.03 apiece as long ago as 1879. Indeed, since 1964 - the year from which Wisden and other authorities date their county...

Table with columns: Batting, Qualification: 10 innings average 10.00. Lists players and their statistics.

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Table with columns: Wickets, Lists players and their wicket counts.



Like a circus tight cyclist, this cooned player waits for the start (Photograph: Chris Harris)

MAINTENANCE: October 4-6: Masters' week 40 at Queen's October 20-22: Manchester Gold Race; November 1-3: Noel Bruce Cup at Queen's; December 8-11: Selection Institute singles road race in several clubs; December 10-12: Finals (Queen's); January 5-22: Amateur singles (Queen's); February 5-19: Amateur doubles (Queen's); January 10-12: Professional singles and doubles (Walsingham); February 24-26: Specialist Open competition; March 2-4: Dartmouth Doubles Cup (BRAC); March 12-15: Open doubles (Queen's); March 24-26: Thompson Grey water polo (over 40) (Queen's); March 30-April 4: Public school doubles (Queen's); April 3-14: Open singles (Queen's); April 19-22: Sutton Trophy over 24 Open doubles (Queen's); May 4-7: Saratov tournament (RMA).



FOOTBALL: ENGLISH SIDES EMBROILED AGAIN IN THE THUD AND BLUNDER OF EUROPE

Watford to make the blood run hot

Danes unlikely to cause ripples

The days when Danes could be disorganised, may have passed, but it would be a major surprise if the point were made at Anfield this evening. Odense, the Danish champions, travel there with little hope and no expectations, already facing a one-goal deficit from the first leg of their European Cup first-round match, and with their manager, Richard Møller, claiming that he would rather be tackling England's Liverpool than the Danes.

But if Odense are unlikely to make this match a notable one in Liverpool's long story of European encounters, it is remarkable in another way. For the first time since 1976, Liverpool will take the field with: Phil Neal for a competitive match. In an England shirt, Neal has often been reviled but his consistency for his club has been astounding, with 417 consecutive appearances to his credit. He will be out two weeks with a thigh strain and his place goes to Steve Nicol, the Scottish under-21 international signed from Ayr for £300,000 two years ago.

Whether their less than watertight defence will be able to cope with the storm Watford are sure to raise, however, will be the most fascinating aspect of the evening. Graham Taylor confessed before the first leg that he would have liked to tackle Kaiserslautern with the more experienced team of last season, and especially with the departed Blissett and the injured Les Taylor at his disposal.

Odense are strengthened by the return of their international defender, Clausen, but will be without Jensen and Donnerup, while the captain, Allan-Nielsen, is doubtful - hardly the best preparations for a trip to face a team your manager claims to be much better than the national side.

Had he been able to, Watford's success would have seemed more likely, and the implications for English football would have been more revealing. As it is, to saddle Taylor's young and inexperienced side with any responsibilities beyond the immediate one would be grossly unfair, and it would be reasonable should they succeed.

Twelve months to the day, the UEFA Cup provided one of the most humiliating evenings English club football has experienced, with Southampton, Arsenal, Ipswich and Manchester United all departing from the competition in the first round. Making predictions in football is a risky business, but it seems safe to predict that this pattern will not be followed tonight. Both Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest can expect to progress to the second round but, even should the worst



Europe's kickers fix their victims

Zico and Diego Maradona, two of the world's leading players, are victims of violent treatment from defenders which reached new depths of unscrupulousness during the weekend's league games.

Even though Brian Clough was less than complimentary about his own team - at least in comparison with the side which won the European Cup - it will be surprising if that wild old campaigner loses his two-goal cushion to Newcastle's Frankfurt in East Germany. Hart and Bird are both fit, but Clough has not yet decided whether to recall them, Fairclough and the young winger, Wigley, having impressed in their absence.

EQUESTRIANISM

Fast JR nimbly conquers Everest

By a Special Correspondent Geoff Billington gave a splendid exhibition of speed jumping when riding his eight-year-old, Earl Sikes on the first day of the Everest Double Glazing Show Jumping Championships at Park Farm arena, Northwood.

Still only a seven-year-old, JR has proved himself a formidable speed specialist since Billington began riding him last November. He will be aimed at the speed events in next week's Horse of the Year show at Wembley, and could well progress to the bigger classes when he is older.

ICE SKATING

Germans figure in cosmopolitan crowd

West Germany have struck the first blows at the start of a new ice skating season. Their individual champions, Heiko Fischer and Manuela Ruben, won the compulsory figure sections of their respective events of the St Ivel Ice International at Richmond yesterday.

The competition's cosmopolitan entry points to a spreading of the sport's horizons. Charlene Wong, of Canada, and Miss Chen, who has a Chinese background, and the presence of not one black skater but two breaks down new barriers. Bobby Beauchamp is from Los Angeles and Fernand Fedronic, representing France, from the island of Martinique.

GOLF

Example of poor use of a driver

By Lewine Blair Good driving was hardly a feature of the first day of the Sunningdale Ladies' Open Fourstones. One competitor, rushing to meet her early morning starting time, hacked her car over the green-keeper's foot. He was taken to hospital and emerged with his leg bandaged from knee to toe and instructions to stay off work for 10 days.

The driver was every bit as shaken as the victim, but was still steady enough over the shorter putts to be twice on the winning side on a day when the field in these handicap fourstones was reduced from 64 couples to 16.

Injured Hrubesch to miss cup tie

Liege, Belgium. (Reuters) - Miroslav Hrubesch will miss the so-called luck of the Irish when they meet the Belgian champions Standard Liege in the return leg of their first round European Cup tie tonight. Standard will be without their injured West German World Cup player Horst Hrubesch, the scorer of two goals in Ireland, but still appear to be a class above their opponents.

Goal surfeit

Inier Bratislava, of Czechoslovakia, beat Rabat Ajax of Malta, 6-0 in the first round second leg of the UEFA Cup, winning 16-0 on aggregate.

Foster to try a rest cure

The Brighton captain, Steve Foster, who is suffering from a troublesome Achilles tendon, has been ordered two weeks' rest, but a specialist has told him an operation may not be necessary.

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Yesterday's results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 2, Ipswich 1. Chelsea 2, Tottenham 1. Manchester City 1, Arsenal 1. Southampton 1, Liverpool 1.

Monday's results

THIRD DIVISION FOOTBALL: Wigan Athletic 1, Northampton 0. Tranmere Rovers 1, Colchester United 1. Aldershot 1, Torquay United 1.

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This week sees the publication of The Way to Lord's (Willow Books, £8.95), a selection by Marcus Williams from the many hundreds of letters on cricket that have been published in The Times. ALAN GIBSON introduces the first of four extracts from the book.

Selections of letters to The Times have been numerous and popular, but this is the first time there has been devoted to a single sport. It is not quite a history of cricket, it is certainly an indispensable accessory to any cricketing historian, and indeed valuable to social historians as well.

Manager resigns

East Berlin (Reuters) - Rudolf Krause, the manager of the East German football team, has resigned by mutual agreement with the national federation.

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RACING: NEWMARKET SALES OFF TO A FLYING START

Strong claims for Prickle in Cheveley Park

By Michael Seely

Prickle can further establish her claim to be considered the best two-year-old filly trained in these islands by winning the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket this afternoon. With the overnight withdrawal of Chapel Cottage, the Irish-trained challenger, Gala Event appears likely to be Prickle's main opponent.

New marketing concept

An original marketing scheme for racehorses has recently been developed in the United States. The scheme was first devised by Goffs Bloodstock Sales, Fasig-Tipton Company and Fair Hill, the training centre. The company's aim is to put potential buyers in touch with the horse while it is in training.

Newmarket

Table with racing results for Newmarket, including Tote double, draw, and various race results like 1.45 WILKIE MILE HANDICAP and 2.15 LONSDALE STAKES.



Boutin: French raider

Robert Sangster owned Caerleon may take part in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday. Vincent O'Brien, his trainer, said at Newmarket yesterday that the decision depends very much on whether the ground remains firm at Longchamp.

Laird finds key to Kuwait Team

Kuwait Team, a \$300,000 yearling two years ago, finally won a race and surprised all concerned at 33-1 in the Royal Sussex Stakes at Goodwood yesterday. A change of scenery has evidently worked wonders for Sheikh Fahad's colt who was switched six weeks ago from Guy Harwood to Ray Laird at Lambourn.

Laird said: "They told me he just needed a change of scenery, but we're doing wrong. This is his third race for me and he probably needed the first two. He had the right man on his back in Jim Wilson who rides him as well as keep the horse happy and he still believes he won't go for the stick, but I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw him come there to win."

Records tumble in yearling sales

By Michael Seely

The Derby winner Troy, who died earlier this year, was the first star of the record breaking show at the Newmarket sales yesterday. Dick Hern, the man who trained the 1979 Derby winner, paid 1,200,000 guineas for a yearling colt out of Princess Matilda. This figure not only constituted a record for a yearling colt but also for any thoroughbred previously sold at public auction in Europe.

Only 13 lots later the record was broken for the second time when James Delahouke outbid the British Bloodstock Agency (London) who were acting on behalf of Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien, when paying 1,400,000 guineas for Prince Khalid Abdulla. This figure was paid for a colt by General Assembly out of Sarah Siddons.

The previous best figure for a yearling was the 640,000 guineas paid out in 1981 for a colt by Mr Reef and for a horse of any age being the 1,020,000 paid for Tenebris last December. There was enormous excitement before the Irish auctioneer David Pim's hammer fell to Major Hern's final bid which capped that of Sir Phillip Payne-Gallwey, who had Stavros Niarchos and Henry Cecil standing at his side.

At first Major Hern, discreet as ever, refused to reveal the identity of his client. "You can say that I am acting on behalf of a foreign buyer," Dick Warden, who was standing next to Major Hern, later revealed that the purchase was made on behalf of the Maktoum family of Dubai.

Ludlow

Racing results for Ludlow, including 2.0 STRETTON JOCKEYS HURDLE and 2.15 WATERHALL HANDICAP.

Brighton

Racing results for Brighton, including 1.45 RACE HILL STAKES and 3.45 TELSCOME HANDICAP.

Nottingham

Racing results for Nottingham, including 2.0 SITHORPE STAKES and 2.30 WINTER WHEAT HANDICAP.

Hamilton Park

Racing results for Hamilton Park, including 2.15 AVONDALE STAKES and 3.00 RUMMAGE HANDICAP.

La crème de la crème advertisement for a shorthand secretary position, offering a three-day week and a salary of £8,000.

Advertisement for Exhibition Secretary and Secretary/Marketing Assistant positions, detailing responsibilities and requirements.

Advertisement for Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants, offering recruitment services for various roles.

Advertisement for a Secretary/P.A. to a Managing Director in Hendon, offering a salary of up to £8,500.

Advertisement for an Administrator position, offering a salary of £10,000 and flexible hours.

Advertisement for an ideal combination of a secretary and receptionist, offering a salary of £9,000.

Advertisement for a Secretary/P.A. to a Chairman of a Property Company, offering a salary of £8,000.

Advertisement for a Personal Assistant/Secretary position, offering a salary of £8,500.

Advertisement for a Executive Secretary position, offering a salary of £8,500.

Goodwood results

Racing results for Goodwood, including 2.0 COOKED HAT HANDICAP and 2.30 COAST TO COAST STABLE HANDICAP.

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Luxury 2 bedroom flat, dining hall, fitted modern kitchen, 24hr reception.

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High quality 1/2 bedroom flats for sale. Contact WEATHERALL, GREEN & SMITH.

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Crouch End N.8 (Highgate End)
2 bedroom ground floor flat in luxury block set in leafy location, with gas CH and in good decorative order.

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6 bedroom double fronted Victorian House, £200,000.

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Country Properties

JOHN D WOOD SURREY Between Leatherhead and Guildford A SUPERB COUNTRY RESIDENCE overlooking a National Trust estate

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NEAR SAFFRON WALDON In pretty village with open country behind and in front of house

Detached imposing Victorian House Extensive large rooms, superb garden

CLAPHAM - GEORGIAN TOWNHOUSE Architect designed modernisation of 4 bedroom, fully fitted kitchen

BRAND NEW Quaint 2 bed, P.B. flat & 1/2 acre in quiet village development

Residential Property Window-shopping pricey Thameside



Thameside Court, Shiplake, for which nearly £500,000 was paid, is set in five acres of landscaped ground, with 260ft of river frontage

If there is a more satisfying way of house hunting than driving a Thames cruiser for a summer fortnight and pottering up the river from London to Oxford, I have yet to find it. It is, of course only window-shopping - but we can all dream. An autumnal river trip might not seem such a good idea, but in fact the autumn or winter is a sensible time to go looking for property along the banks of the Thames.

First, you see the area which the summer bloom is off it. Riverside living isn't all strawberries and cream by the water's edge. In the latter months of the year you can see a few of the drawbacks and judge the pros and cons more objectively. If there is little shelter, either natural or from surrounding properties, for instance, then a cold north-easterly across the open river can seem as if it has blown straight in from Siberia, and that will be reflected in the heating bills.

Second, as the leaves fall from the trees you are likely to be able to negotiate a more realistic price than you might manage in the high days of summer. But Thameside houses are never cheap. Architect Bob Davies, who built his own riverside house at Staines and has watched the riverside evolve over the past decade, says that in his area even riverside stacks are going for £20,000. For a property in prime condition you can think in multiples of that.

Estate agents Giddy & Giddy, who handle perhaps 70 per cent of all riverside properties which come on the market in the 35 mile stretch from Weybridge to Henley, currently have 10 on their books (seven of which are under offer). The cheapest detached house is £120,000 and that for a four-bedroomed dwelling in need of modernization and improvement.

Down river, on the tidal part of the Thames, agents S. H. Harris are looking for £225,000 for a Twickenham property which once belonged to the Earl of Dysart's bailiff. Agents Hampton & Sons say that demand for riverside houses has been such over the last 12 months that they managed to get nearly £500,000 for the admittedly magnificent five-bedroom Thameside Court at Shiplake, near Henley, and more than £250,000 for The White House, a colonial style residence at Lower Shiplake. Even a four-bedroomed flat at Wargrave, on the opposite bank from Shiplake, is on the market for an asking price of £175,000.

Peter McArdle, associate partner of Giddy & Giddy, says that all riverside dwellings have a premium on them, varying between 10 and 20 per cent according to location. The most sought-after areas are Bray, five miles upriver of Windsor, Cookham, the village just beyond the spectacular Cliveden Reach, where artist Stanley Spencer lived and which he immortalized in the painting "Christ Preaching at Cookham Regatta" and Marlow.

Cookham and Bray are much prized because they are villages within easy reach of London: Bray has access to the M4 motorway and is only a couple of miles from Maidenhead which is 25 minutes by train from Paddington. Even a modest three-bedroom bungalow can cost about £175,000 at Bray and grander properties much more. Another prime area is the river bank opposite Cookham churchyard. Edwardian houses, facing due south and therefore drenched with sun throughout the long summer days, have been changing hands there for prices ranging from £300,000 to £500,000.

Country Properties

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SURREY/HANTS BORDER Eastbury house with detached outbuildings, Master bedroom with en suite bathroom

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Property South of the Thames

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DULWICH BORDERS Fully modernised, detached 2 double, 2 single bedrooms, home, gas ch, 2 reception, sun lounge, fitted kitchen, tiled bathroom, garage, garden.

WIMBLEDON HILL 1st floor P.B. flat, 3 beds, 2 view, over 1/2 acre, 2 car spaces, 24 hrs security, £27,950

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